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WASHINGTON.

THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES.

SPEECH OF MR. GARFIELD ON THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL — STILL FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE ESTIMATES POSSIBLE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Gen. Garfield made, to-day, his expected speech upon the national budget. It was, in some respects, a reply to the recent speech of Mr. Dawes. Gen. Garfield directed his speech to an answer to the three inquiries: First, If there is a deficit, what is the cause? Second, Is there danger of a deficit? Third, What is the duty of the Government in case such deficit exists? He seemed to answer the first question in the affirmative, acknowledging that the Government began the last fiscal year with a surplus of $43,000,000. He showed the cause for the rapid diminution of that surplus. With the exception of two years, 1868 and 1873, there has been a reduction of taxation, during every year of Grant's Administration. The total reduction of taxation has been $319,500,000. From 1866 to 1873 the annual expenditures were reduced $230,000,000. The effect of the reduction of taxation is made every year apparent. Nineteen millions of arrears of income tax were paid in 1872, and as late as last year five millions of arrears of income tax came into the Treasury. This reduction of taxation was made in spite of the protest of the Treasury Department, and in opposition to the Committee on Ways and Means in 1872. Both the Treasury Department and the Committee on Ways and Means had then stated that if the reduction exceeded $58,000,000 the Treasury would be crippled and the sinking fund endangered. Notwithstanding these protests Congress then reduced the revenue $62,000,000, of which $42,500,000 were in gold. The sad feature of this reduction is that the abolition of the tax on tea and coffee inured solely to the benefit of the importer and the foreign producer. Since 1870 there has a reduction of $142,000,000 in taxes. Gen. Garfield severely criticised the fundamental error or Mr. Dawes in stating for the purpose of a climax that the expenditures for the current year were $319,000,000, instead of $290,000,000. He thought this to be the radical point of the speech, and blamed the Associated Press for having neglected to give notice of the correction made at the time, thus permitting Mr. Dawes' error to have the effect of truth. Mr. Garfield showed that if the deficiencies are charged to the years to which they respectively belong, it will be found that since the war there has been a regular decrease in the expenditures. The Committee on Appropriations does not believe in cutting down expenditures at all hazards to a level of the revenue. They believe that all useless expenditures should be reduced and abuses corrected, and that whatever appropriations can be postponed without injury to the public service should be postponed; that when these two things are done it would be inexpedient to cut down an additional dollar anywhere, and that if taxes should then be necessary the brave and manly thing would be then to go back and renew some of the taxes which had been unwisely removed. He did not, however, think that such action would be necessary. From the investigations of the Committee on Appropriations thus far, Gen. Garfield deemed a reduction of $34,000,000 possible from the estimates. This reduction is distributed as follows: In the Army, Navy, and Fortification bills, $11,000,000; in the Legislative bill, $4,500,000; in the Indian bill, $1,700,000; in the Miscellaneous bill, $5,000,000; in the River and Harbor bill, $11,500,000.

THE CENTENNIAL BILL.

The debate on the Centennial bill in the Senate to-day was participated in by Messrs. Stewart, Stockton, and Bayard, but no new features were developed, with the exception of an amendment by Mr. Stockton, instructing the Appropriation Committee to report in favor of holding an international exhibition. Mr. Cameron used every effort to press the bill to a vote, but was defeated by a majority of three, a motion for an executive session a few minutes before 5 o'clock having been adopted by a vote of 25 yeas to 22 nays. Mr. Cameron felt keenly the opposition manifested toward his pet measure. The vote against an executive session was very strong, but the Senate was tired of the long, tedious debate, and as there was every prospect that two or three more long speeches were ready, several voted for the executive session who would not had there been a possibility of an immediate vote on the question of referring the bill.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The Senate to-day agreed to Mr. Bayard's amendment to the Liquor Commission bill, which provides that all members of the commission shall not be in favor of prohibitory legislation, or total abstinence. It was carried by only one majority, the vote standing twenty-three in favor of and twenty-two against it. At the expiration of the morning hour the bill was laid aside. There seems to be no disposition among Senators to hasten a vote on this bill, though Mr. Wright, who has it on charge, is very anxious for a vote, and objects to the consideration of any other bill in the morning hour. But he has been voted down on several occasions and other measures taken up at the request of various Senators.

MOIETIES AND FEES.

The Civil Service Committee of the House has directed Mr. Woodford to report a bill as a substitute for one presented in the House by Mr. Merriam, the effect of which will be to cut off all moieties or fees for Government officers, and to substitute as compensation in every case a salary to be fixed by law. The bill also abolishes the mileage system for all officers of the United States, permitting only actual expenses to be paid. The committee will be called in about ten days, when this bill will be reported and strong efforts made to obtain immediate action.

MR. CUSHING AND THE DURELL INVESTIGATION.

Caleb Cushing arrived in town this morning to testify before the House Committee on the Judiciary in the matter of the investigation of the case of Judge Durell. He was summoned on account of some recent evidence given by Mrs. Gaines relative to certain New-Orleans lawsuits in regard to transactions in which Judge Durell was implicated. Caleb Cushing denied absolutely all the principal statements of Mrs. Gaines' testimony. Gen. Cushing sails on Saturday next direct for Brest, France.

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

The counsel for the prosecution before the Congressional Committee to Investigate the Affairs of the District Government are waiting for the printing of Gov. Shepherd's report before presenting charges and specifications against the officers of the District. Judge Merrick, of the counsel, to-day said before the committee: "When we shall have examined the Governor's answer and accompanying papers, on behalf of the memorialists I give notice that we will put the officers of the district on trial to their full satisfaction." Judge Merrick is currently reported to have said in various places that the exposure of the City Government here would be as complete as that of the Ring in New-York. If the memorialists have evidence on which to base such an exposure, it is a little difficult to understand why they must wait for the printing of the Governor's answer, which, of course, contains evidence in behalf of the District instead of against it. The printing of this document will require several days, and the examination which the counsel professes to desire to make will be an excuse for still further delay in withholding specific charges. It really begins to look as though there was some basis for the charge made against the memorialists, that their crusade against the District Government has no other purpose than to defeat appropriations during this session of Congress, that they may have another year in which to carry on the business of shaving District certificates and securities. Papers purporting to be vouchers for expenditures of the Board of Public Works have been delivered to the committee, and it is claimed that they account for every dollar of expenditure. Some secret watch is kept over them day and night, that there may be no repetition of the experience of New-York with its vouchers. The papers here will not be tampered with, either by the board or by the memorialists. The testimony taken by the committee to-day of the Controller of the District amounted to nothing more than to show that the general fund in the Treasury has been overdrawn to pay the expenses of schools, a statement of which has been already completely published. There seems to be no prospect for any sensational testimony for a week to come.

THE FRANKING BILL.

The House to-day finally disposed of the Franking bill. The bill came up as a special order on the motion to reconsider the vote whereby it was defeated last week. Nearly three hours were occupied in filibustering before the final vote was taken. During this time Gen. Butler succeeded in inducing Gen. Shanks to propose the Butler bill, as instructions to the committee, on a motion to recommit. Reading this motion, Gen. Butler exerted himself to the utmost, in his recently assumed capacity of leader of the House, to secure a respectable following; but he suffered an inglorious defeat, having been able to secure only 45 votes for his bill as instructions, while 183 votes were given against it. During the final vote, Gen. Butler was so prominent and officious in his attempts to secure some favorable action upon the bill, that he seemed desirous to assist the tally clerk in his count, and did not desist until with others he was called to order, by the Speaker, at the instance of Mr. Cox, who suggested that there were too many members about the tally clerk. The Speaker ruled that Mr. Cox's point was quite in order, and he sent Gen. Butler to his seat. The final vote on the bill originally reported from the committee, the Packer bill, resulted in the defeat of the bill by 111 yeas to 120 nays. It would seen that this finally settles the vote on the Franking bill for this session.

The following is the vote rejecting the Franking bill:

YEAS—Messrs. Albert, Albright, Arthur, Ashe, Averill, Begole, Bell, Bowen, Bright, Buckner, Burchard, Cain, Caldwell, Cannon, Clark of Missouri, Clymer, Cobb of Kansas, Coburn, Cougar, Corwin, Crutchfield, Davis of Virginia, Davis of West Virginia, De Witt, Donnan, Dunnell, Durham, Field, Glover, Gunckel, Hamilton, Hancock, Harmer, Harris of Georgia, Harrison, Hatcher, Havens, Hays, Hazleton of Wisconsin, Hazleton of New-Jersey, Hereford, Herndon, G. F. Hoar, Houghton, Howe, Hunton, Huribut, Hynes, Kendall, Killinger, Knapp, Lamar, Lamport, Leach, Lewis, Lowe, Magee, Marshall, Martin, McDill of Wisconsin, McLunkin, McLean, Mills, Moore, Myers, Neal, Negley, Neswith, Niblack, O'Brien, Orr, Packer, Parker of Missouri, Pelham, Perry, Phillips, Platt of Virginia, Platt of New-York, Randall, Rapier, Ray, Read, Rice, Richmond, Rusk, Sawyer, Sener, Shanks, Sloss, Smith of North Carolina, Snyder, Southard, Speer, Strait, Strawbridge, Stowell, Taylor, Thomas, Todd, Thornburg, Townsend, Vance, White, Whitehead, Whiteley, Williams of Massachusetts, Williams of Wisconsin, Wilshire, Wilson of Maryland, Woodworth, Young of Kentucky—111.

NAYS—Messrs. Archer, Atkins, Banning, Barber, Barnum, Barry, Bass, Beck, Berry, Bland, Blunt, Bradley, Bromberg, Brown, Buffinton, Bundy, Burleigh, Burrows, Butler of Massachusetts, Cason, Cessna, Clark of New-Jersey, Clarke of New-York, Clayton, Cook, Cobb of North Carolina, Cotton, Cox, Crittenden, Crooke, Crossland, Crounse, Curtis, Dobbins, Eames, Eldredge, Fort, Foster, Frye, Garfield, Giddings, Gooch, Hale of Maine, Harris of Virginia, Hathorne, Hawley of Illinois, Hawley of Connecticut, Hendee, E. R. Hoar, Holman, Hoskins, Hubbell, Hyde, Kelley, Kellogg, Lamison, Lawrence, Lawson, Loughridge, Luttrell, McCreary, McDill of Iowa, McDougall, McKee, McNulta, Mellish, Merriam, Milliken, Monroe, Niles, O'Neill, Orth, Packard, Page, Pendleton, Phelps, Pike, Poland, Potter, Pratt, Rawls, Roberts, Robinson of Illinois, Ross, Saylor of Indiana, Saylor of Ohio, Scofield, Scudder of New-York, Scudder of New-Jersey, Sheats, Sherwood, Smart, Smith of New-York, Smith of Ohio, Smith of Pennsylvania, Sprague, Stanard, Starkweather, Stone, Storm, Tremain, Tyne, Waldron, Wallace, Walls, Ward of Illinois, Ward of New-Jersey, Wheeler, Whithorne, Wilber, Willard of Vermont, Willard of Michigan, Williams of Indiana, Williams of Michigan, Willie, Wilson of Iowa, Wilson of Indiana, Wolfe, Woodford, Whitehouse—120.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The complaints of the workingmen employed on the New-York Post Office Building relative to a violation of the Eight-hour law having been referred to the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds a subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. Kellinger, of Pennsylvania; Milliken, of Kentucky, and Sprague, of Ohio, was appointed to take testimony in New-York. These gentlemen started for New-York to-night, and will commence the investigation to-morrow, probably at the office of the Superintendent of the Post Office Building.

PRICES FOR WORK IN THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

First Assistant Postmaster General Marshall was before the House Committee on Appropriations, to-day, to meet the officials of the Government Printing Office, with reference to the charges recently made against the Government Printer of charging exorbitant prices for work done at his office. There were present, representing the Government Printing Office, Mr. Clapp, son of Hon. A. M. Clapp, Government Printer, who is ill, Mr. Bryan, foreman of the office, and Mr. Roberts, in charge of the bindery, all of whom explained the cost of the work done at the office, and the reasons for the high charges made. These gentlemen admitted that some of the charges of the Post Office Department were well-founded, for the reason that until recently the office has been running on old rates for printing, used before Mr. Clapp came into office. They claimed, however, that taking everything into consideration their prices were very reasonable. The committee directed Mr. Clapp to prepare a detailed written statement covering all the points.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate, in executive session, to-day confirmed the following nominations: W. P. Thompson, Register of the Land Office at Boise City, Idaho; B. McEckron, Register of the Republican Land District, Arkansas; Charles A. Tweed, Associate Justice of the Territory of Arizona; Anthony Q. Keasley, Attorney of the United States for the District of New-Jersey; John W. Ross, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of Indiana; Edward L. J. Neally, Collector of Customs for Bath, Me. Postmasters—Patrick H. Dowling, Toledo, Ohio; Benjamin J. Gale, Atchison, Kansas., W. M. Beckley, Alexandria, Va.

ALBANY.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE PARKS BILL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 5.—The Assembly bill for the improvement of the streets and avenues adjacent to the Morningside and Riverside Parks was considered by the Senate this morning as the special order of the day. Speaking to the amendment of Senator Ledwith, which proposes to give the control of the work under dispute to the Common Council, Senator Fox made a speech in favor of such action. Senator Booth hoped that the amendment would not prevail. He referred to the demoralized condition of the Common Council, and stated that under the circumstances he would be obliged to vote against the proposition of Senator Ledwith. After a long discussion on the part of Senators Gross, Ganson, Wood, and King, and the reiteration by Senator Parmenter that there was a "job" in the bill, Senator Woodin made an appeal in favor of its passage. He said that during the present discussion he had repeatedly asked the Senate in what part of the New-York City charter authority was given to the Park Commissioners to construct streets outside of the Park limits. He had not yet received an answer to his question. He had stated distinctly that the Park Commissioners had no such authority, but, notwithstanding this, several Senators professed to believe that the passage of a bill giving the control of such work to the Department of Public Works would deprive the Park Commissioners of rights to which they were entitled. The object of the bill was simply to correct a difficulty which had been pointed out by the Mayor of New-York in a veto message sent to the Common Council in December last. There was no "job" in the bill, as Senator Parmenter had intimated, and its passage was earnestly advocated by some of the best known property-holders living in the portion of the City it was proposed to improve. It was desirable that the work should be done by the Department of Public Works, because that department was controlled by one responsible head. The work at present belonged to no particular department, but it would be unwise to give it to the Park Commissioners because of the many different opinions entertained by the members of that board, and the tedious red-tape system under which its business was conducted. At the conclusion of Senator Woodin's remarks the Senate adjourned without taking action on the bill.

ANOTHER CITY RAILROAD BILL.

Senator Kellogg this morning introduced another bill providing for the construction of a street railroad in New-York City. The route of the proposed road is to commence on Sixty-fourth street, adjoining the Central Park, and through said street to Lexington avenue; then to and through Lexington avenue, and by single track around either side of Gramercy Park to and through Irving place to East Fourteenth street; thence through the same to the south end of Fifth Avenue; thence to and through South Fifth avenue to and through Canal street to West street, adjacent to the Desbrosses Street Ferry. As soon as a majority of the property-owners declare themselves in favor of it, cars may also be run in Forty-second street, from the North River to Broadway. John T. Mills heads the list of incorporators.

A VAGUE PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

Mr. Wagstaff holds the same theory as Mr. Spencer as to the duty of a member of the Legislature in regard to the introduction of bills, and believes that he is bound to introduce any bill sent here by one of his constituents. He recently introduced a bill which is couched in such vague terms that the objects sought to be allowed by it are far from apparent. The bill in question is as follows:

"Any party who has a just claim against the authorities or body corporate of a county or town of this State the validity or payment of which has been refused, omitted, or denied, may bring an action and have the same adjudicated according to the usual practice in judicial proceedings between suitors."

The purpose of this bill may be very innocent and proper, but neither from Mr. Wagstaff nor from the members of the Judiciary Committee has it been found possible to obtain any definite information as to its nature, and this circumstance lends color to the rumor which is in circulation here that the bill is really intended to cover the swindling newspaper claims.

THE FACTORY BILL.

The House in Committee of the Whole to-day spent considerable time in discussing the act for the protection of factory children. The principal opponent to the bill turned up in the person of Mr. Alvord. His arguments against it were grounded on the assumption that parents and guardians in the country were so virtuous and tender-hearted that the passage of such a law was not demanded. The bill, after much discussion, was finally progressed.

MR. RYAN'S RAPID TRANSIT BILL.

The incorporators named in the New-York and Westchester Iron Viaduct Railway Company bill, introduced on Tuesday by Mr. Ryan, are: R. C. Root, H. O. Lockwood, S. B. Driggs, Charles E. McAlister, Wm. W. Walte, D. Russell, H. N. Otis, Joseph Murphy, J. M. Levy, J. N. Piper, Henry Spratley, W. K. Stevens, George W. Cragin, R. S. Brassel, and Thomas Shields. The capital stock is fixed at $6,000,000, or 60,000 shares. The plan of the road is to be the "Williams Iron Suspension Viaduct." The route is to commence at Park row, or Printing-house square, thence along Chatham street to the Bowery, to Third avenue, and thence to the Harlem River. The work of construction is to commence within three months of the passage of the act, and the road is to be completed to Fifty-ninth street within eighteen months.

THE PRO RATA FREIGHT BILL.

The Committee on Railroads of both Houses of the Legislature held a joint session to-day to discuss the Pro Rata Freight bill, introduced by Senator Johnson. President Massey, of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad, spoke at length against the bill. He stated that it would be impossible for railway companies to charge the same amount in proportion for freight carried short distances as that carried over whole sections of country without change or stoppage. Senator Johnson spoke in favor of the bill. The committee will have a further hearing on the same subject next week.

BONDS AND MORTGAGES.

The Senate Judiciary Committee this evening had under consideration the bill exempting bonds and mortgages from taxation. Mr. Wm. H. Peckham, who appeared for the West Side Association, of New-York, spoke in favor of the bill, arguing that the exemption of mortgages would greatly promote investments in such securities, thus doing away with speculation in worthless stocks. Messrs. Sherman and Matthews, of New-York, also spoke in favor of the bill.

THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING INVESTIGATION.

The Finance Committee this evening continued the investigation of the alleged frauds in the building of the new Capitol. The testimony elicited reflected very unfavorably upon the present management. Mr. Wm. J. McAlpine, Superintendent of the new Capitol building, testified that about 136,000 feet of timber were used about the building from June 1 to Dec. 1, 1873. Some of the timbers were 10 by 12 inches, and from 30 to 35 feet long, and cost from $38 to $45 per 1,000 feet. The total value of the lumber used was about $17,653. H. L. Washburne, Frank Clark, Richard Wickham, and other carpenters, all testified that it was worth about $20 per 1,000 to work up lumber for trusses. Richard Burns testified that he worked in Congress Hall six weeks doing carpenter's work, putting floor in the basement and hallway, &c. Two windows were put in and the back store-room fitted up. The workmen idled away the greater part of the time. James Burns was sworn, and testified that he had from fourteen to sixteen men at work on Chestnut street. The men were often without material to work on, when they rolled logs up and down the yard to keep up the appearance of being busy.

LOUISIANA AFFAIRS.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 5.—The *Republican* of this morning says the Legislature of Louisiana does not seem to consider itself safe in New-Orleans with the demonstrated hostility that surrounds them. They propose to withdraw to Baton Rouge. This intention is indicated by an appropriation moved for that purpose.

THE LEHIGH VALLEY STRIKE.

THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE RAILROAD ONLY AFFECTED—ATTEMPT TO STOP A SHERIFF'S TRAIN.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., March 5.—The strike of the brakemen of the Lehigh Valley Railroad is confined to the Northern Division operated by that road, which ends at Pittston, and was instituted for the purpose of getting an advance of ten cents per day over the wages paid before the panic. The brakemen of the Southern Division joined in the demand for the wages paid before the panic, but declined to ask for any further advance, and all trains are running regularly on that division. No passenger or freight trains have arrived here from further up than Pittston since Tuesday, and to-day the mail did not come through. The men on the upper end of the Northern Division stopped the trains; and, till to-day, the brakemen at Coxtown, where the workshops of the lower end are situated, attempted nothing of the kind. Superintendent Mitchell received word this forenoon that about fifty brakemen were at Coxtown and intended to stop the mail and passenger train north, which passes here at 2:20 P. M. At his request Sheriff Whitaker summoned a posse of twenty-five men, a portion of them Wilkesbarre policemen, and took passage on the train for Coxtown. When the train stopped at Pittston, which is a mile this side of Coxtown, the brakemen board the train and attempted to take charge of the brakes; but the Sheriff had placed four men at each brake, and, upon seeing this, the brakemen desisted. Near Coxtown, the train was signaled to stop, and a switch turned to run it into the yard, but the engineer held up before reaching it, and the Sheriff, who was on the engine, jumped off and seized the man who had turned the switch. He made no resistance, but said that if it was an officer who commanded him to turn the switch, so that the train could go on, he would do it, but that it was more than he would do for Superintendent Mitchell. Four others were arrested, and after the train had passed Coxtown the Sheriff and party returned here with the prisoners, and took them before Alderman Parsons, where they had a hearing. They had no counsel, but cross-examined the Sheriff and Superintendent themselves. Two of them, Michael Monighan and Hugh Reynolds, were held in $500 bail to answer at court, and, in default, were committed to prison; but the other three were discharged on their own recognizance, and Superintendent Mitchell furnished them with free passes back to Coxtown. There are now at that place over 700 cars of coal waiting shipment north.

PROPOSED COMPROMISE REJECTED BY THE MEN.

WAVERLEY, N. Y., March 5.—A proposition was received here this morning that the company would restore to the strikers the ten per cent. taken from their wages last December, which they refused to accept. The pay car came to the State line this evening with the officials on board, but remained on the Pennsylvania side. They proposed to pay off and discharge all who refused to work at their offer. The strikers refused to cross into Pennsylvania to receive their pay, and the pay car went back. The strikers are firm in their demand to have the same pay as is received on the Erie Road. No trains are running. The mail cars are not run, the company refusing to move them unless the trains can go with them. All the sidings between Waverley and Sayres are filled with cars, the brakes set, wheels taken off and switches spiked. Last evening a passenger train came up to Athens, four miles from here, and was left there with the view of returning in the morning. The strikers learning this went down, took possession of it, and brought it up to their headquarters. No violence has occurred.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The brewery of Mr. Labatts, London, Ontario, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is about $50,000.

John T. Bailey & Co.'s rope manufactory, on Front and Reed streets, Philadelphia, was burned yesterday morning. The loss is $25,000, which is covered by insurance in local and Western companies.

LOCAL FIRES.

During the month of February there were twelve fires in Jersey City, causing a total loss of $2,979, on which there was $11,400 insurance.

A fire occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Levison, No. 69 Madison avenue, caused by the explosion of a gas-meter; damage, $75.

A fire at the foot of Columbia street, which was discovered at noon yesterday, destroyed two frame houses, and occasioned a loss of $2,000. No insurance.

A fire broke out in the bone-drying room of T. Preston & Sons' bone works, on Newtown Creek, early yesterday morning, which occasioned a loss of $1,000; covered by insurance.

Shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred on the fourth floor of No. 1 Bond street, occupied by Baldwin & Sexton, jewelers. Damage $300; insured.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred on the first floor of No. 254 West Twenty-ninth street, occupied by A. S. Spaulding as a packing-house. Damage $3,000; fully insured. The upper floors are occupied by a number of families. Damage trifling.

At an early hour on Wednesday last a fire broke out in the residence of Cyrus G. Force, which is situated in a somewhat isolated location on the road about midway between the towns of Drakesville and Flanders, N. J. The flames spread with great rapidity, and in a very brief space the whole house was enveloped. Mr. Force's family consisted of himself, his wife and son, and his wife's father, Mr. Strawway, who was eighty-five years old. Mr. Force was first awakened by the smoke and the smell of the burning wood-work, and hastily aroused the other members of the family. He, with his wife and son, then succeeded in making their escape with great difficulty, and in the excitement of the moment they all supposed that Mr. Strawway was with them. When too late they discovered that he was still in the burning building. Young Force and his father made desperate efforts to rescue the old gentleman, but without avail, and the former was very seriously burned about the face and body. The building and furniture were entirely consumed. Yesterday the charred remains of Mr. Strawway were found in the ruins.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Middleport, Niagara, had a fatal case of trichina spiralis last week.

William Dee attempted suicide at West borough, Mass., Wednesday night by cutting his throat with a penknife. He has been insane.

The buildings Nos. 92 and 94 Rampart street, and Nos. 89 and 91 Basin street, New Orleans, were burned yesterday; loss, $25,000.

At Peabody, Mass., on Wednesday, Silas Wilson, aged sixty years, committed suicide by hanging. His mind had been feeble for some time.

The test suit involving the validity of about $1,500,000 of the new issue of the Bank of Tennessee is now before the Supreme Court of that State.

Dartmouth College, it is said, is likely to realize $100,000 from woodland in Maine, secured to it through the efforts of a Trustee in Biddeford.

The Directors and Board of Managers of the Nashville, Tenn., Exposition have determined to continue the annual exposition, changing the time, however, from Spring to Fall.

The Massachusetts Legislature yesterday elected the following State Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad: Joseph B. Chadwick, of Boston; Charles L. Wood, of New-Bedford, and Lewis R. Norton, of Westfield.

MOIETIES TO INFORMERS.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM E. DODGE.

EFFECT OF HIS TESTIMONY ON THE COMMITTEE AND MR. JAYNE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Committee on Ways and Means gave several hours this morning and evening to the hearing of the New-York Committee concerning the abolition of the moiety system. Mr. Wm. E. Dodge occupied about two hours in his statement, and made a very deep impression upon the committee. It is noted by the committee as an example of the gross injustice of the laws, that the entire amount of goods claimed by the Government to be undervalued in the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co. was only about $6,000, and that all the duties claimed to have been due was $1,600, and yet the penalties amounted to $271,000. Mr. Dodge is now very sorry that he did not send the whole matter to the courts, and says that it is only recently that he has known the fact that the duty unpaid was only claimed to be $1,600. Mr. Jayne said to-day that he never would have taken a dollar from Mr. Dodge if he had known of the raising of the invoices to which Mr. Dodge testifies. Mr. Jayne himself acquits Mr. Dodge personally of any blame, but seeks to implicate other members of the firm in fraudulent attempts. The large amount of penalties in this case arose from the undervalued items vitiating the entire invoices under the law, which there will be an effort to repeal independently of any other legislation.

Mr. Hyde, of Boston, spoke two hours and a half to-night before the committee on the practical operations of the Customs laws. The hearing will probably not be concluded this week.

A delegation from Baltimore will be here to-morrow to second the efforts of the New-York and Boston committees. Philadelphia is also moving in the same direction.

Mr. Moulton, of Woodruff & Robinson, of New-York, against whom Mr. Jayne made charges, will be here to-morrow, as will also a member of the firm of Rufus Story.

HISTORY OF THE CASE OF PHELPS, DODGE & CO., AND THE COMPROMISE OF $271,000.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Committee on Ways and Means resumed its session on the moiety question this morning. The persons present from New-York are Jackson S. Schultz, D. C. Robbins, John Austin Stevens, S. B. Eaton, and Cephas Brainard, representing the Chamber of Commerce. There were also present, in addition to those previously mentioned, John D. Jones, Wm. H. Lee, Josiah O. Low, and Samuel D. Babcock. Mr. J. A. Stevens has received a letter from Henry Vining, of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, in which he says that Philadelphia is in unison with her sister cities with regard to the Customs laws. As Chairman of a committee of the Board of Trade he drafted a memorial to Congress, which will soon be presented. The memorial is as follows:

"The Philadelphia Board of Trade respectfully represents that the Customs laws are confused and difficult to understand, and that the proceedings of informers and Government officers acting under these laws have sometimes been high-handed and offensive to the moral sense of the mercantile community, and, consequently, injurious to the Government itself, which has thereby been brought into disrepute. Your memorialists, therefore, pray Congress to revise the said laws, and amend them so that honest importers may not be injured in property and reputation by proceedings instituted at the instigation of men who are actuated by the hope of pecuniary profit to themselves, rather than by a desire to promote the public good."

THE DODGE COMPROMISE OF $271,000.

Benjamin F. Nonree, representing the Boston National Board of Trade, after a few preliminary remarks as to the purpose of his appearance before the committee in connection with a change in the Custom laws, suggested that as the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co. had been assailed here, it was but right Mr. Dodge should be heard, and for this purpose he would yield to that gentleman.

Wm. E. Dodge said it was not his intention to trouble the committee with his case, but this seemed to be now rendered necessary, after the extraordinary course of Special Agent Jayne, who had spoken to the committee concerning what he called duplicate and fraudulent invoices, in justice to himself and to his firm. He had occupied the position of a merchant for fifty years, but had not until lately been assailed and maltreated by the officers of our own Government, one of whom had made statements for the purpose of satisfying the committee that a great wrong had been committed by his firm. Mr. Dodge said after their case had been before the public some time, they had paid the money. The press, notwithstanding all the circumstances, made unfavorable comments. Rather than subject themselves to a suit for $1,000,000, they paid the $271,000 demanded. He said then and now that a great injustice had been done them. He mentioned to the attorney, it appeared, that Jayne could write or sign a letter saying that, instead of letting the matter go to the court, where there might be a formal judgment for $1,000,000, the payment of $271,000, the total value of the goods, was not the amount of money they owed, but that the sum of $1,640, on $6,000 of undervaluation, was all the Government was entitled to receive. The attorney took this paper to Jayne, and afterward reported that Jayne acted in an ugly manner regarding it. Mr. Dodge then showed the committee the working of the law, and, without any agency on the part of his firm, an attempt was made to again parade their case before the public as one of the most terrible that had ever occurred under the Customs service, and attempts were also made to show there was evidence beyond all question that there had been premeditated fraud for a series of years. Such efforts to injure the firm were traced to those who participated in the division of the money, and it was said the case was to be brought to the attention of Congress, where it would be shown that the firm was composed of men who had deliberately undertaken to defraud the Government. All this was done to strengthen the system which had placed money in the hands of the accuser. How could a firm which had been pursuing business for forty or fifty years, and had always sustained a reputation for honest dealing, not only with the Government, but with individuals, and who had never had any difficulty with the Government until now, how could such a firm, for the sake of saving a few hundred dollars, descend to such things as had been charged against them? This firm had imported goods to the value of from $400,000,000 to $500,000,000, and paid more than $50,000,000 in duties. Their good name had never been assailed until it was assailed by Government officers. If errors, or even frauds, were suspected, the persons suspected should have an opportunity to explain before legal proceedings were instituted. As the Custom-house was managed a fourth of a century ago the chief executive officer would have sent for a member of the firm and asked him to go before an attorney or solicitor, or hear a statement himself, before deciding on a udicial course. The first knowledge or hint that ever crossed his mind that he was accused of any fraud or commission of business wrong was when he was sitting at the board of one of their public institutions. He was asked to come to the Custom-house. There, for the first time, he confronted this Jayne. The then District Attorney, Judge Davis, was also present. Mr. Dodge's junior partner accompanied him. He had no idea what he was called there for. He never thought anything was wrong. Mr. Jayne, opening the conversation in his usual bland way, said he was sorry the Government was in possession of facts to show that the firm was engaged in a deliberate attempt to defraud the revenue by a systematic series of forgeries, and secondly, by importing goods with false and duplicate invoices, and that he (Mr. Jayne) supposed that he (Mr. Dodge) knew very well what were the penalties involved under these circumstances, giving him to understand that every act of perjury of which he might be guilty subjected him to a fine of $5,000 and imprisonment for not less than two years. Jayne also said that under such false invoices and undervaluation, according to the law of 1863, the firm had forfeited $1,750,000 to the Government, and now, he continued, "I have a warrant from the District Court to take possession of your books and papers." This came to him like a thunderbolt. He knew Judge Davis to be an honorable and upright man, and said to him, "This is a strange proceeding. It is entirely new to me. I deny the whole of it. I defy this man Jayne to produce a single duplicate invoice ever used by Phelps, Dodge & Co." Jayne said: "I have the affidavits to show that you tampered with officers of the Government." Mr. Dodge said to Judge Davis: "If there are any books or papers to establish such cases they are at your service." Judge Davis remarked to Jayne, nothing could be more fair, and there is no necessity to issue a warrant. Mr. Jayne then said he would go to the store and get what books he wanted. Going to his office and entering the back room, Mr. Dodge said to those present: "There is a fearful charge against us of defrauding the revenue and of perjury, and here is a United States officer to take possession of our books." Mr. Jayne had one or two officers with him. The fifty men in the store were at their desks, and astonished at the proceedings. Mr. Jayne took what books he wanted, and a cart was backed up at the door to take them away. Mr. Jayne, looking over his paper, said he wanted a red book with a clasp. Neither he, Mr. Dodge, nor his partners or clerks had ever seen such a book. But Jayne said it was there, and he must have it. Although there was no such book, the District Attorney said it was kept back.

Mr. Dodge wanted the committee to understand how the Government deals with merchants under the law. He was not contradicting anything Mr. Jayne had said about doing his duty and guarding the Government. The law was made to enable just such work as his to be carried out. Mr. Jayne said he was industrious and watchful and faithful. It was submitted to the committee whether any man engaged in such business must not be industrious to receive extraordinary sums of money as the emoluments of labors. The members of the committee receive but a small pittance, and the country thinks they ought not to have more. But this gentleman (Mr. Jayne) received four times more than the salary of the President of the United States, or twenty times more than any member of Congress. The alleged false and duplicate invoices are a great bugbear. Just enough of the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co., in the way of dispatches, had been published in London, St. Petersburg, and India, where they were doing business, to create false impressions. It was not so much that he (Mr. Dodge) feared the jail and the accusation of perjury, but the payment of $1,750,000—that was like a pistol held to his ear—it was money or ruin. The effort was made to impress upon the victim that this was one of the most wonderful cases of fraud on record. Judge Davis said he was never called on to examine a case so terrific as this one. The firm did not know nor could they ascertain what the Government claimed could be undervalued. All they could learn was that the amount was large, and, further, that it was a very terrible case.

Mr. Dodge then examined the matter of invoices, confuting the statements of Mr. Jayne, who, yesterday, read only one, but not the other oath required; and Mr. Dodge said in this connection that Messrs. Phelps, Dodge & Co. could not go into the market at Liverpool, and buy at any time, ready manufactured, one-eighth part of the tin they keep constantly in stock. They make their contracts with ten, twenty, thirty, or forty parties for tin plate, taking so many boxes a month or week. They fix the price on the 1st of January for supplies throughout the year or quarter. Tin-plate was at first small, ten by fourteen inches, afterward fourteen by twenty, and twenty by forty. Formerly 500 boxes of tin was the limit imported, but now the importation is between a million and a half and two million boxes. There are no regular manufacturers of the largest sizes of tin. They are not of merchantable sizes and weight. All the immense sizes are made to order. Vessels are made of such tin without seams, the manufacture being by stamping them into shapes. The firm make contracts with manufacturers in Chicago, Philadelphia, and all over the country. There is hurry in doing the business in Liverpool, six or eight vessels leaving per day at 4 o'clock, and it being necessary to have the papers on board at 1. In no case were there duplicate invoices, and he defied that man (Jayne) to say there were. In order, however, to save labor, copies are taken with a press from the bills of the manufacturers. These copies were made to facilitate the business, and to instruct the young man in charge of the business in New-York, on the arrival of the vessel, as to the particular destination of goods coming by the vessel, instead of first carting them to the warehouse. These copies were posted on the invoice-book to indicate where the goods should go. In this connection Mr. Dodge referred to one of his dismissed clerks for complication in the alleged matter of frauds, and who went where he thought he could better his condition. This high-minded and conscientious young man, who said he could not be guilty of copying invoices of Phelps, Dodge & Co. to aid their iniquity, went to work, and, going back a year or two, took from the invoice-books any single paper showing what goods cost, exhibiting a shilling or sixpence a box difference at the time of invoice, but he also tore off many more that showed the cost a good deal more than was stated in the invoice. These are gone. The firm was met by a proposition that these things could be compromised. Mr. Dodge gave a check for the amount. Jayne had eminent counsel, a member of the United States House of Representatives. The discharged clerk made a bargain with the Treasury agent, who thus became the informer. The firm, seeing such a large array of law, and having been told their case was such a dreadful one, and that their goods were all forfeited to the Government, agreed to give $260,000 to compromise the case. The first interview took place about the 20th of December. The day after they gave a check for this amount the fact was paraded in the newspapers. After a few days there was a change of attorney, when they were informed the amount should have been $271,017 23. Now the entire amount on which duties were not paid was only $6,658, and the amount due the Government, $1,652. He wanted to do justice to a Government officer, namely, Mr. Boutwell. Certain statements had appeared that Mr. Boutwell did not treat them fairly and honorably; but if they had followed the Secretary's advice they probably would not have paid $271,000. He came here to see Mr. Boutwell, and stated the case to him. He told Mr. Boutwell they had looked these things over with great care, and it was simply a matter between themselves and the Government. They objected to going to the courts, but Mr. Boutwell advised that they do so, saying if the matter should then come back for his consideration he would look at it personally and caref

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

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SENATE.

THE MONEY-ORDER SYSTEM.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Routes, reported unfavorably on a number of petitions referred to it, saying Congress to extend the money-order system to all the Post Offices of the country. The committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EXTENSION OF PATENTS.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, presented petitions of citizens of that State setting forth the abuse growing out of the extension of patents by which monopolies enrich themselves, and protesting against any extension of patents hereafter. They were referred to the Committee on Patents.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE GROWTH OF TIMBER.

Mr. SPRAGUE, of Rhode Island, called up the House bill to amend the act to encourage the growth of timber on the Western prairies, and it was passed.

REDUCTION OF TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT FOR GOOD CONDUCT.

Mr. CONKLING introduced a bill to provide for deductions from the terms of United States prisoners, which authorizes deductions of five days for each month in which no charges of misconduct shall have been sustained against them, and provides for the appointment by the President of a Commissioner to make inquiries into the condition and treatment of United States prisoners, wherever they may be confined.

THE ALCOHOL COMMISSION.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the liquor bill, the pending discussion being on the amendment of Mr. Bayard providing that all members of the commission should not be in favor of prohibitory legislation or total abstinence, and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 33 yeas to 2 nays.

THE CENTENNIAL BILL.

The morning hour having expired the Liquor commission bill was laid aside and the Senate resumed the consideration of the Centennial bill, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Frelinghuysen to instruct the Appropriation Committee to report a bill appropriating a sum of money, not exceeding $3,000,000, to defray the expenses of the American Centennial Exhibition.

Mr. SPRAGUE, of Nevada, opposed any international exhibition, and said such an affair would not be an appropriate celebration, but argued that it should be of such a character as to be acceptable to the whole of the United States. If the great City of New-York alone should decline to co-operate actively in any celebration, it would, to a great extent, be a failure, hence he favored a great celebration, which would meet the approval of every man, woman, and child in the country.

Mr. STOCKTON, of New-Jersey, moved an additional amendment to the instructions submitted by his colleague (Mr. Frelinghuysen), directing the committee to report in favor of holding an international exhibition, so as to exhibit the products of the United States in comparison with those of older nations. Mr. Stockton spoke at length in favor of an international exhibition, and argued that every word and line of the original bill in 1871 contemplated such an exhibition.

Mr. BAYARD also argued in favor of an international exhibition. He hoped that by that day the political disabilities, test oaths, and such things would be wiped out, and there would be peace and good feeling among the people.

Mr. STEWART moved the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business, but yielded to Mr. Thurman, who offered a resolution appropriating $10,000 to pay the expenses incurred by a joint select committee to investigate the affairs of the District of Columbia, and asked the present consideration.

Mr. THURMAN withdrew his resolution, and the question recurring on Mr. Stewart's motion to proceed to the consideration of executive business, it was agreed to—yeas 25, nays 22.

The Senate then went into executive session and at 5 o'clock, the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Mr. SHANKS, of Indiana, called up his motion to reconsider the vote rejecting the bill for the free distribution of public documents and for other purposes.

Mr. COTTON, of Iowa, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was rejected—yeas 92, nays 124.

Mr. SHANKS moved the previous question. It was seconded by 121 to 50, and the main question was ordered by yeas 123, nays 103. The question was then taken on reconsidering the vote rejecting the bill, and it was reconsidered by yeas 121, nays 106.

Mr. SHANKS then moved to recommit the bill to the Post Office Committee, with instructions to report back a bill similar to the bill introduced last Monday by Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts.

This motion was rejected—yeas 43, nays 183. The question then recurred on the passage of the bill as originally reported, and the bill was rejected by yeas 111, nays, 120.

THE DAVIS-THOMAS CONTESTED ELECTION.

Resolutions were reported from the Committee on Elections in the Virginia contested election case that Mr. Davis (the sitting member) is not entitled to the seat, and that Mr. Thomas, the contestant, is. The resolutions were adopted without debate, and Mr. Thomas was sworn in.

THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Legislative Appropriation bill, (Mr. Woodford, of New-York, in the chair.)

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, said that the action of Congress on this bill was to form the base line from which the entire scale of expenditures for the fiscal year could be measured. He therefore asked attention to the question of expenditures and revenues. Three questions presented themselves. First, If there was a deficit in the near future, what was the cause of it? Second, Was there a danger of such deficit? Third, What was the duty of Congress? On the first point he explained that one cause of the deficit was the reduction of taxes. Every year since the war, except two—1868 and 1873—taxes had been reduced to an amount in the aggregate $319,500,000, and yet, at the close of the last fiscal year, there was a surplus of $43,000,000 of receipts above expenditures. In other words they had been running a race between two forces, the one which cut down expenditures, and the other which cut down revenues, and the only question now was whether the force that cut down revenues outstripped the other. It was evident that if a deficit was likely to occur, something had happened to make it occur since the close of the last fiscal year.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, asked him if it was not true, that while the revenue was reduced the reduction of expenditures which should have followed that action had not done so.

Mr. GARFIELD told his friend (Mr. Randall) that his question anticipated some very rough notes which he had made. He asked whether anybody would deny that the reduction of taxes since 1870—when there was a surplus of $100,000,000—to the amount of $146,000,000, would probably account for any decrease in the surplus. He simply arrayed against all theories of the cause of the supposed deficit the naked fact that the revenues had been cut down $146,000,000 since July, 1870, and if that cut was not sufficient to cut away the $100,000,000 of surplus, he did not read the addition and subtraction tables aright. He sent to the Clerk's desk and had read an extract from Mr. Dawes' speech referring to the question whether, in his statement of expenditures for the current fiscal year, the sinking fund was or was not included, and said that he referred to that part of the speech because the fact that Mr. Dawes had frankly and manfully acknowledged that the sinking fund was included in his statement of the year's expenditures, and was not included in the statement of the previous year's expenditures, had not gone to the country. While accusations go on horseback, refutations travel very slowly on foot. The house had been very much startled for a moment, and the country had been startled for days, by the statement that for the current fiscal year the appropriations had swollen from $290,000,000—the figure of last year—to $319,000,000. In other words, that the extravagance of Congress had swollen the expenditures $29,000,000 in a single year. That was a most startling statement; but when that $29,000,000 was absolutely taken from Mr. Dawes' statement of the receipts to make it correct, not only the bottom was gone from the cause of alarm, but the alarm ought to have gone with it. But, although the correction was made in open House, the only allusion made to it in the Associated Press report was that "Mr. Garfield criticised some of Mr. Dawes' figures, especially relating to the sinking fund."

[The reporter begs to say here that he did give, in his report, Mr. Garfield's interruption of Mr. Dawes in regard to the sinking fund, and Mr. Dawes' response to it.]

To this day, Mr. GARFIELD continued, the country understands, from the Associated Press reports, that we have been spending during the current year nearly $30,000,000 more than in the preceding year. The Committee on Appropriations proposed that whenever there was an appropriation, growing up out of the war or otherwise, that might safely be lopped off, to lop it off, and, when an expenditure could be postponed for a year without serious injury to the great interests of the Government, to postpone it. When the committee had done these two things they did not propose to cut down another dollar anywhere. He then went into a detail of the estimates and appropriations for the next fiscal year, and stated as the figure of the reductions $34,300,000 below the gross estimates, and his figure was liable, of course, to be diminished by various appropriations which might be made by Congress, such as appropriations for the centennial celebration, and for the Washington Board of Public Works. He thought, however, that he was perfectly safe in saying the expenditures for the next fiscal year, exclusive of the sinking fund, would be reduced to $270,000,000, provided the House should assist the Committee on Appropriations on all its bills, as it had already assisted it on the bills reported. He believed that the revival of business and the restoration of public confidence would enable the Government to go through this year and the next year without additional taxation, and that the end of all the efforts to bring down expenditures to the receipts would be reached. Congress found it necessary to tax, he had no doubt this Congress would stand up manfully and restore taxes where they had been cut down. He did not believe that would be necessary. He believed that when they met next session there would be no deficit, but a reasonable surplus.

Mr. BECK, of Kentucky, said he was prepared to demonstrate the fact that the sinking fund was embraced in Mr. Dawes' statement of expenditures of former years, as well as in that of the current year, and that when Mr. Dawes took back the statement which he had made in that respect he did what the facts did not warrant. He was also prepared to prove reckless extravagance in the Administration.

Mr. CONGER, of Michigan, said he had heard such promises many a time before from the gentleman from Kentucky, but he had never known them to be kept.

The committee rose at 5:30 o'clock, and the House took a recess until 7:30, the evening session to be for the consideration of the bill to revise the statutes.

REFUNDING OF CUSTOMS DUTIES.

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2, 1874.

SIR: I am in receipt of a letter, dated the 24th ult., from the clerk of your committee, transmitting, by direction of the committee, House bill No. 2,673, entitled "An act restricting the refunding of Customs duties, and prescribing certain regulations of the Treasury Department."

I am requested to inform said committee whether the passage of this bill would embarrass the department in its decisions, and what reasons there are for or against it.

In reply, I have the honor to say that the department has no other object in making decisions upon the construction of the Tariff laws than to conform to the will of Congress as expressed in its enactments, and to do exact justice, as far as that is possible, both to the Government and to importers, and that the passage of this bill would cause no embarrassment, since the department could as readily conform to the provisions of this act as to any others.

There appear to be three distinct propositions included in the bill, which I will consider separately:

1st. That moneys paid as duties in accordance with any decision or ruling of the Secretary of the Treasury shall not be refunded or repaid, except in pursuance of special appropriations made therefor, or in accordance with the judgment of a court of the United States giving construction to the law.

Duties are paid, in the first instance, upon the decisions of the numerous Collectors in different parts of the country; and it is reasonable to suppose that in all cases where there is the least doubt in their minds of the true construction of the law, or of the facts in any case, they naturally adopt that construction which is most favorable to the Government. Importers who feel aggrieved pay under protest the duties exacted, and avail themselves of the provisions of law by appealing to the department for refund, and bringing suits in court for recovery of the money claimed to be due them. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, there were brought to this department 4,731 such cases on protest and appeal. Many of these cases are unimportant in themselves, and involve small amounts of money. They are decided here upon the report of the Collectors, without further evidence, and without argument of counsel, unless the importers appear themselves, or by their legal advisers, to present their cases more fully, which, when the amount is small, they rarely do. *Prima facie* cases are made by the reports of the Collector, and, no reasons appearing to overrule them, their decisions are sustained. In course of time a very important case arises, is presented with great care and fullness, and is argued by counsel learned in the law. The Secretary gives his personal attention to it, and devotes more time to it than it would be possible to devote to every substantially-uncontroverted case of the 4,000 or 5,000 which arise annually, takes the opinion of the Solicitor of the Treasury, and may overrule the previous decision made on *prima facie* statements.

Should this bill become a law, the Secretary of the Treasury would be bound by the decision made in the first case which happened to arise, however unimportant in itself and however imperfectly it may have been presented. In the meantime importers would go on bringing suits, and the dockets of the courts would be crowded with actions against the Government for the recovery of duties which, on mature consideration, the department might be as well satisfied as the courts ought not to have been collected. These suits put importers to great loss and expense, and subject the Government to interest and costs in all cases where recovery should be finally had. These last are no small items.

The whole amount ($1,829,740 75) paid back since the 4th of March last, as appears by the books of this department, including refunds made upon protests and appeals, judgments of courts, and refunds on account of the Chicago Relief act, and on account of materials entering into ship-building under the late act of June 6, 1872, there was paid as above $383,470 76 for interest and costs. Thus more than a fifth part of the whole amount paid was for interest and costs in judgments, even under the present laws.

If this bill should become a law it is worthy of consideration how greatly those items might be increased. An increase in the number of suits would delay the times for trial, and the cost and interest in each case would go on accumulating with more benefit to attorneys than to the Government and the importers.

Considering the great amount of duties collected under our present Revenue laws, and the obscurity in the meaning of the language used, as well as the multitude of facts to be ascertained and taken into consideration, the amount refunded is not large, as you will observe by the figures I have already given, and should this bill pass it is by no means sure that it will be any less.

2d. The second proposition is that no ruling or decision once made by a Secretary of the Treasury, giving construction to any law imposing Customs duties, shall be changed by the same or a succeeding Secretary, unless it be in concurrence with an opinion in favor of such change given by the Attorney General, or by reason of a judicial decision of a court of the United States affecting the same.

This would transfer to the Attorney General and the courts the whole duty of deciding upon the construction of the Tariff laws at once the first *prima facie* decision made by the Treasury Department in the ordinary routine of business, and their duties would undoubtedly be increased thereby to a considerable extent. It has always been the custom of the department to take the opinion of the Attorney General in important cases where the different officers of the Treasury Department disagree, or where the reasons pro and con appear to be so evenly balanced that the opinion of the Attorney General would turn the scale on the one side or the other. Such was the case even in the "ribbon cases," which involved the largest amount refunded during the past year, and are included in the figures I have given. The department was in doubt as to the true construction of the law. Separate United States courts decided differently, and the Attorney General was officially consulted, and his elaborate opinions were accepted and followed.

Whether or not it is expedient that the Attorney General should decide all questions thus arising, whether may be the opinions of this department and its several officers, is a matter to be determined by the wisdom of Congress. This department is indifferent as to where the jurisdiction is placed.

3d. The second section provides "that the Secretary of the Treasury shall, in his annual report to Congress, give a detailed statement of the various sums of money refunded under the provisions of this act, or of any other act of Congress relating to the revenue, together with copies of the rulings under which the repayments were made."

This would cause no embarrassment, and would involve only the employment of clerical force sufficient to prepare the detailed statement and copies of all the rulings of the department on the subject referred to. I would suggest, however, that to avoid incumbering the annual report of the Secretary, 21 report be made special, as copies of the decision would, no doubt, make a volume in themselves every year.

The only reason urged in favor of the passage of the bill appears to be that it might increase the Customs revenue to a limited extent by preventing importers from recovering back money in some cases, and by lessening the number of decisions in their favor. Whether or not this object would be accomplished cannot be determined except by application of the law for a considerable period of time; and if it should so operate, it ought to be considered how far such an effect might do injustice to the honest merchants who must submit to the will of Congress and the laws of the land.

I am, very respectfully,
WM. A. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

Hon. JOHN SHERMAN, Chairman Finance Committee, United States Senate.

THE ESCAPE OF MOLLIE HOLBROOK, OF CHICAGO.

On Tuesday last Detective Thomas Dusenbury, of the Central Office, arrested Mollie Holbrook, alias Hooy, charged with having stolen $25,000 worth of United States bonds from a gentleman in Chicago, Ill. She was placed in charge of Detective Miller, of Chicago, from whom she escaped at Hamilton, Canada. Mollie Holbrook is a noted professional thief, pickpocket, and shoplifter. Before the great fire in Chicago she kept a panel-house there and succeeded in amassing a fortune of $50,000. She was impoverished by the fire, and subsequently married Jim Hooy, a noted thief. She then opened a panel-house, and kept it running until one evening a resident of Chicago was robbed of $25,000 in her house. She was arrested for this crime and held to bail to appear for trial. She was indicted by the Grand Jury of Cook County, but when the case was called for trial she had disappeared. She was traced to this City, and Detective Miller was sent on here in search of her. He secured the services of Detective Dusenbury, who arrested her on Tuesday last, and placed her in charge of Detective Miller, who started with her for Chicago. The train arrived at Hamilton, Canada, on Tuesday, and Miller and his prisoner got out of the car for supper. The woman as soon as she gained terra firma placed herself under the protection of a policeman, claiming that she had been kidnapped from New-York. The policeman took charge of her, and both parties appeared before a Magistrate, who discharged the woman, as he had no authority to hold her. Through the stupidity of Detective Miller the prisoner thus slipped through his fingers, and while she remains in Canadian soil she cannot be brought back to this country.

TRIAL OF JAMES C. KING.

EVIDENCE FOR THE PROSECUTION.

LEGAL COMPLICATIONS BETWEEN THE PRISONER AND O'NEIL—JEALOUSY AND THREATS OF VENGEANCE.

The trial of James C. King, for the murder of Anthony F. O'Neil, was resumed yesterday before Judge Brady, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. There was a large attendance in the court-room, but the crowd was not nearly so great as during the other murder trials which have recently occupied public attention.

Dr. Joseph Cushman, Deputy Coroner, testified that he had examined the body of Anthony F. O'Neil. There was a wound on the right side of the chest, between the second and third ribs. He traced the wound through the upper lobe of the right lung, through the right side of the heart, through the liver, and into the stomach, where the bullet was found. That wound was the cause of death.

Cross-examined by Mr. Beach—The point of entrance to the body was perhaps three inches higher than the point of entrance to the stomach. Supposing two persons of equal height standing on a level, one holding the pistol horizontally and firing at the other, I cannot exactly tell the course the bullet would take.

Mr. Frank J. Dupignac was examined by Mr. Phelps, and deposed that he is a lawyer, residing in New-York. He had known the prisoner since the Summer of 1869. He made the acquaintance of O'Neil in the Summer of 1872. Prior to that time he had acted professionally for the prisoner. He had a conversation with witness about the 1st of August, 1872, relative to his difficulties with Mr. O'Neil. This was before he met Mr. O'Neil. About the 10th August, 1872, witness commenced to act as attorney for Mr. O'Neil. A suit was brought by Jesse Foulke against Mr. King to reclaim furniture secreted at Mr. King's residence, on the Erie Railway, and witness represented Mr. Foulke. Mr. O'Neil had something to do with that in the matter of facilitating the removal of the furniture from Turner Station. He was subsequently counsel for Mrs. King in a suit for divorce from the prisoner, and for Mrs. O'Neil in a suit of replevin, brought by the prisoner to recover a sewing-machine from Mrs. O'Neil. He then represented Mr. O'Neil in a charge brought against him by the prisoner of subornation of perjury, and afterward represented Mrs. King in a suit of divorce brought against her by Mr. King, on the ground of her adultery with Mr. O'Neil. The suit for limited divorce was brought by Mrs. King on Aug. 19, 1872, and on the 10th September the prisoner commenced a suit for absolute divorce. There was a suit brought by King against O'Neil, in Orange County, for the seduction of his wife. Witness learned about this suit from King.

What did he tell you about that suit? What did he say?

The question was objected to by the defense, but was allowed by the court.

Witness—He told me that he had instructed the deputy to arrest Mr. O'Neil in presence of his wife; that he accompanied the deputy and O'Neil in the car; that he sat behind them, and had a pistol, and was prepared to shoot O'Neil if he made any attempt to escape—made any movement. Witness continued to say that he was employed in behalf of Mrs. O'Neil at the hearing before Judge Sutherland on Nov. 18, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Foulke and her sister were present. There had been two previous hearings. The hearing on the 18th November took place at 10 o'clock. After Mrs. Foulke was sworn, Mr. King came in. The prisoner was alone. He carried a gold-headed light cane. On entering he looked at the witness and took a seat in a reclining chair behind Judge Sutherland. He sat quiet all the time. At the conclusion of each witness' examination, witness asked him if he desired to cross-examine, and he raised his hand in a gentlemanly manner and said "Not now," or "No." At the close of the examination witness told him that the next hearing was fixed for Tuesday. Witness then described the order in which the two sets of lawyers stated the ladies in advance and Mr. O'Neil last. As witness was at the head of the staircase he saw the prisoner coming out of the door of the office. While going down stairs, and when witness was about half way down, or eight stairs from the floor, or twelve from the bottom, he heard a pistol-shot. Mrs. O'Neil was about three steps in advance of witness at this time. A second report came very quickly, and there was a longer interval between the second and third shot. Witness had got to the bottom of the stairs just before the third shot, and he saw Mr. O'Neil standing on the third step with his left hand on the bannister, his right hand on his hip, and Mrs. O'Neil having a hold of his right arm. He heard Mr. O'Neil say "That is what you are after," and immediately the third shot was fired. The next saw Mrs. O'Neil supporting her husband at the bottom of the stairs. A Catholic priest was sent for, and O'Neal was baptized before he died. "Did not see the prisoner all this time, as he was looking at Mr. O'Neil. Neither did he hear the prisoner make any remark. The following morning, Judge Sutherland, Mrs. O'Neil, and witness found fresh bullet marks on the wall, and at the foot of the stairs a hole in the casing of the window. About the 1st of August the prisoner was in his office, and on that occasion he took a pistol out of his pocket, said, "Now, O'Neil, you and Foulke had better look out or there will be shooting going on." In that conversation Mr. O'Neil's name was mentioned.

Cross-examined by Mr. Beach—The prisoner talked with me in July about some habeas corpus suits to secure custody of his children. Between July 15 and 25 that I learned from Mr. King that his wife had left his home with his children. It was within a day or two of the 15th or 16th of July that he spoke to me about the habeas corpus proceedings. He did not consult me. The intimacy began to break off on the 7th of August, the day after Mr. O'Neil was arrested. On the 19th of August I commenced an action for limited divorce against the prisoner on behalf of Mrs. King, on the ground of cruelty. I was introduced to her Aug. 5, at the Grand Central Depot. No one was present but Mrs. Foulke and Mrs. King. It was at my office. I first consulted with Mr. O'Neil in regard to the separation suit. I did not know of the difficulties between King and his wife prior to the replevin suit. As soon as the suit commenced I was employed by Mrs. O'Neil as daily busying himself on behalf of Mrs. King. I knew from Mr. King and Mr. O'Neil that Mrs. King was residing in Mr. O'Neil's house most of the time. I know John Brown, who was King's coachman. I obtained from him letters which were given to him by Mr. O'Neil. Before active legal prosecution, have consulted with the District Attorney, suggested witnesses, and busied myself in getting them. I am not retained by him.

Re-examined by the District Attorney—There was no open breach of the business relations which existed between King and me up to the time of Mr. Foulke's replevin suit, but there was dissension.

Mr. Beach—Was there any breach before you wrote that letter (Letter handed to witness.) A.—Yes, he owed me money loaned.

Q.—Can you state any indications on his part from memory, that your business relations were broken up before that was written? A.—I cannot.

Mr. Beach here read the letter, which was dated Aug. 13, and was addressed to King, that the writer would cease to act as his counsel, in consequence of his having employed other counsel in his bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr. Robert Bonying, stenographer, was examined by the District Attorney, and deposed that he was in Judge Sutherland's office on the occasion of the reference in the case of Mrs. King against the prisoner for divorce. He left the office about 1 o'clock, but returned at about 1:30. He saw the parties leave the room. The prisoner left the room last and closed the door after him. Almost immediately afterward he heard a report, which was followed by two others. Witness did not leave the room until after the shooting. The prisoner re-entered the room with a pistol in his hand with the barrel still smoking. He presented the pistol to Judge Sutherland, and said, "Here, Judge." Judge Sutherland left the room. Witness followed him, and saw O'Neil at the bottom of the stairs. Mrs. O'Neil said, "For God sake let somebody go up stairs and see that the murderer does not escape." Witness' partner, Mr. Adams, said after the first report, "I guess he's shooting him." Witness believed these were the words.

To Mr. Beach—I saw no indications of hostility or ill-feeling between the parties.

Officer Tinney, Fifth Precinct, testified to the circumstances connected with the arrest of the prisoner, and to having got the revolver from Judge Sutherland. Two of the chambers were undischarged. Witness identified the revolver. The prisoner was also arrested. Roundsman Gilbert took him to the station-house. Witness subsequently went to the place where O'Neil was lying. He died about fifteen minutes after witness first saw him.

Mr. Frederick M. Adams, stenographer, partner of Mr. Bonyng, testified that he was engaged to take testimony in the King case in Judge Sutherland's office. When the parties left the room King was about twenty-five or thirty feet behind the others. He closed the door after him. Immediately after that witness heard a report, which was followed by a second report. Witness went out and saw King standing at the head of the stairs with his arm outstretched as if taking aim. While in that position witness heard a third report. From the position in which he stood, and from the direction in which the stairs ran, he could not see anybody but King. He could not say whether King was standing on the landing or whether he had one foot on a step of the stairs.

To Mr. Beach—King said nothing during the reference except to indicate that he did not wish to cross-examine the witness. I don't recollect saying, after hearing the first report, "I guess he's shot him," or words to that effect. I saw no indications of hostility between King and the other parties.

Roundsman Frederick Gilbert testified that he took the prisoner to the station-house from No. 49 Pine street. He returned to No. 41 Pine street and assisted in seaching the body of the dead man and found a revolver in his hip pocket, with four chambers loaded. They found a memorandum-book and a photograph, which he afterward learned was the photograph of Mrs. King.

To Mr. Beach—When I was conducting the prisoner to the station-house he was silent and quiet. He did not express any apprehension of personal violence from the crowd that followed us. When in the station-house I did not notice on his countenance any expression of anxiety. During the time he remained in the station-house I did notice any change in his demeanor.

Henry L. Logan testified that he is a lawyer, and that he was present at the examination of the prisoner prior to the shooting. Witness was at the time a clerk in the office of Scudder & Carter, Wall street. The prisoner came into the office the Saturday before the shooting, in reference to the bankruptcy proceedings. Witness spoke to him about the divorce suits which were pending.

Mr. Beach objected to the conversation as privileged.

Judge Brady said his impression was that the conversation was privileged. He would not, however, foreclose the matter on the District Attorney until he had examined the authorities. If called upon to rule now he would exclude the evidence.

Mr. Julius W. Quick testified that he has offices in No. 42 Pine street, and had offices there at the time of the shooting. He heard three reports, and coming out of his office saw O'Neil at the foot of the stairs and a lady with him. O'Neil said "I am shot." He died in about twenty minutes.

To Mr. Beach—There was a greater interval between the first and second shots than between the second and third. I cannot be mistaken about that.

Dr. Aaron P. Dalrymple testified to having examined the body of O'Neil at the station-house, and described the nature of the wound. The pistol, memorandum-book, photograph, and papers mentioned by Roundsman Gilbert, were, he said, found in the pockets of the deceased. The bullet struck the deceased at an angle of about thirty degrees.

John H. Coman testified: I am a farmer, and keep a grocery store. I knew Mr. O'Neil. I knew the prisoner prior to the homicide. I met him on the train going up to Orange County. Both the prisoner and the deceased used to travel on the same train as I did. The prisoner frequently complained to me of O'Neil interfering between him and his wife, and on one occasion, at least, I heard him say he would "smash" his head, or "smash" his head, I don't know which. On several occasions, I noticed the prisoner getting very excited when he saw Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. King coming from the ferry-house, so much so that I spoke to Mr. O'Neil and advised him to look out, as the prisoner was a desperate man.

Mr. Beach objected to the latter portion of this evidence, and the court directed it to be stricken out.

Seth B. Warner testified that he formerly resided at Turner Station, on the Erie Railroad. He knew the deceased, who lived there with his family. He also knew the prisoner. He saw the prisoner and the deceased a great deal together. They were very friendly. Their apparent intimacy ceased in the Summer of 1872. He had heard the prisoner say that O'Neil had better be careful how he trod upon his corns too much. Witness asked him why, and he replied that he (the prisoner) had shot his father-in-law. He said he had done so in self-defence.

The court adjourned until 10:30 o'clock this morning.

THE ELECTION INQUIRY.

CONCLUSION OF CHARLICK'S EXAMINATION—EVIDENCE OF MESSRS. RUSSELL AND DURYEE.

The examination of Commissioner Oliver Charlick in relation to alleged irregularities committed by him in the appointment of inspectors of elections at the election held in November last, was continued before Judge Daniels, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday afternoon. In response to questions by Mr. Wingate, Charlick testified that on election day the Commissioners remained in session during the day; that he did not remember submitting anything to Commissioners Duryee or Russell, but supposes he would have done so if he had seen them there. The meeting, such as it was, was held in Commissioner Smith's room. Sometimes there was one man there, sometimes three. He had no business with Commissioner Russell, and therefore did not send for him. He did not know that the Committee of the Commissioners on the Appointment of Inspectors had not reported until after registration had been going on for some days. Probably it is part of his duty to know the days prescribed for registration, but could not from memory tell the first day on which registration commenced at the last November election. He could not say that any written notice of the charges against the inspectors removed were served upon them before their removal, but thought he sent for them, and notified them personally. Some of them, perhaps, were not notified, and knew of no reason therefor, except that the Commissioners did not deem it necessary. He knew of no law on the subject. He never saw the order directing the watchers at the polls to go outside the railing, and did not know if it was on record in the office. Did not know if there were some districts where the watchers, if put outside the railing in obedience to the telegram to that effect, could not see what was going on. The question as to whether they could see or not, would depend on the light they had, their eyesight, and the distance of the railing from the ballot-boxes. He visited but one poll on the day of election, but had seen many polls at other elections where the railing was placed similarly. Did not see the necessity for crowding the polls with the miserable creatures of watchers appointed in the interest of candidates; a decent inspector always received proper accommodations. In his answer at a previous examination, that he had seen a great many polls, he referred in part to the polls at the last election, and generally to previous elections. Did not remember, on the subject of inspectors, saying to Mr. Kelly that he (Charlick) did not recognize Tammany Hall or any other hall. Did not know that the Police officers who served at the polls in the Twenty-first District were from other precincts, but did not believe that any officers were changed on that day.

This concluded the examination of Mr. Charlick for the present.

Commissioner Russell was then sworn, and testified that, at the time of the November election, Smith's politics were recognized as Republican, Oliver Charlick's in doubt, his own Republican, Gen. Duryee's Democratic, and Commissioner Gardner's Republican. The Committee to Nominate Inspectors, consisting of one each, Democrat and Republican, was carried by the votes of Smith, Charlick, and Gardner, and President Smith nominated Charlick and Gardner as such committee, Commissioner Duryee and he were anxious to serve on a committee of four, but the proposition had been voted down. Was not consulted by the committee on the appointment of inspectors; did not think the committee made any report to the board prior to the 21st of October; did not know the day when registration commenced without referring to the law, but had no doubt the law was carried out, and that would show that the inspectors had acted before their names were submitted to the board on the 21st of October. He had been repeatedly at head-quarters during the day previous to election, but had no notice of a meeting, although he was subsequently informed a meeting had occurred. On the following day he learned from Mr. Smith that Charlick remained in the Metropolitan Hotel all night. At the same time Mr. Smith informed him, in a deprecating manner, that Charlick was removing too many of the inspectors. He then asked Mr. Smith why he did not interfere and stop it. He is satisfied no meeting of the board took place on the 4th of November, and he remained there until 3:30 in the afternoon. On none of the removals of inspectors was he or Gen. Duryee ever consulted. At a meeting on the 10th of November, Charlick submitted forty-nine names removed, he said, on telegrams from the districts, while he could show but twenty-two telegrams.

Since the organization of the board, Smith, Charlick, and Gardner seemed to act together by some sort of combination, and he (witness) and Duryee were generally ignored. A fair share of the patronage belonging to each member was denied to him and Gen. Duryee. He was called to his surprise, on one occasion, to investigate a charge against Gen. Duryee of ordering the telegraph to be connected with his dwelling. He protested against trying Duryee in his absence, but Charlick said they had given him notice, and they were not going to dance attendance on him. Charlick had stated to him that the telegraph wire cost the department over $400, but he had learned after that it cost only $17, and that the General paid out of his own pocket.

In testifying to having seen Mr. Smith in the barber's chair in the department on the 3d of November, and inferring thereby that no meeting was being held, a laugh was raised among those present, and, in response thereto, Russell said it seemed singular to repeat this story, but it was well known at the time that gross irregularities existed in that department.

Gen. Duryea confirmed the testimony of Commissioner Russell as to what occurred in relation to the appointment of inspectors; also as to the fact that the inspectors had not been reported to the board until after they had been acting some time; that he was not consulted as to the appointments; that but three removals were made with the regular sanction of the board on the 3d of November, while the minutes show a good many removals. Has noticed a good many interlineations and errors in the minutes of the board. He had no notice, and knew nothing of a meeting having taken place on the day of election, although he was waiting there all day for that special purpose.

Gen. Duryee further confirmed the additional testimony of Commissioner Russell, as to both of them having been entirely ignored, not only in reference to the affairs of the last election, but ever since the organization of the board, on all matters. The Commissioners Duryee and Russell asserted that Genet was not only frequently, but almost constantly at head-quarters, and in company with Charlick and Smith. Although Gen. Duryee was a member of the Finance Committee, yet the bills were never submitted to them, and this was the result of the joint votes of Smith, Charlick, and Gardner. By resolutions passed by the same three Commissioners, all drill of the force, even with the club, has been discontinued, and by reason thereof the force has become very much demoralized.

The further examination was adjourned to the 10th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

AN ALLEGED FORGER HELD FOR TRIAL.

Charles Duffy, residing at No. 508 West Thirty-eighth street, was held in default of $1,000 bail, by Justice Sherwood, at Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, charged with forging the signature of George W. Adams, of No. 323 West Thirty-eighth street, to a check for $15, drawn on the Ninth National Bank.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE MONTHLY MEETING YESTERDAY

HON. W. M. EVARTS ELECTED AN HONORARY MEMBER—THE EMIGRATION TAX—THE CANAL FUNDING BILL—MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was well attended yesterday afternoon. Mr. Henry Grinnell presided. The minutes of the previous regular monthly meeting, and of the special meeting held Feb. 18, ult., were approved. Mr. Walter S. Fairchild and Mr. Marcelia Folsom, President and Vice President respectively of the Butter and Cheese Exchange, were duly elected members of the Chamber. On nomination of the Executive Committee Hon. William M. Evarts was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Chamber. In presenting the name of Mr. Evarts, Mr. Elliott C. Cowdin spoke in behalf of the committee as follows: "It gives me special pleasure to nominate as honorary member of this Chamber Hon. William M. Evarts. I need not say in this presence that Mr. Evarts is not only one of the foremost members of the Bar of the country, but also ranks among its ablest commercial lawyers. Before the Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration he played a part so influential that his efforts largely contributed to our success, and so conspicuous that it added dignity and honor in a marked degree to the reputation of the United States among the leading powers of Europe. On that important field his eminent services in behalf of a peaceful adjustment of international difficulties, and in the interests of commerce as well, richly entitle him to all the honors which this Chamber can bestow." Mr. Evarts was declared duly elected.

On motion the officers of the Chamber were appointed a committee, with power to make arrangements for the anniversary banquet on the evening of May 7 next.

The committee to which was referred the communication of Joseph Jennings and accompanying documents in regard to stevedoring at this port, reported that in their opinion it was not in the province of the Chamber to entertain the subject. The committee was discharged.

Mr. Geo. W. Blunt, from Committee No. 4, presented a full report of the committee on the question of "head-money." From the report it appears that in the year 1324 the Legislature of the State of New-York passed laws to tax ship and steam-ship owners and agents a certain sum on each passenger arriving in this port. Such tax was styled "head-money," and the amounts so collected were paid into the State Treasury. It appears that some of the parties so taxed paid, under protest, either in whole or in part, while others, either through ignorance or negligence, did not protest at the time of payment. In January, 1849, the Supreme Court of the United States decided the act above referred to to be unconstitutional. This decision was made more particularly in the case of the State of Massachusetts, which had existing laws like those of New-York, the only difference being that the tax imposed on passengers was larger than that in this State. The cases appealed were argued by Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, John Van Buren, and others, and the Supreme Court, as stated, deliberately declared the laws of the State of Massachusetts and New-York to be in violation of the Constitution of the United States, and, consequently, null and void, and the decisions of the courts of these States were therefore reversed. Upon this decision the State of Massachusetts refunded the money so paid into its Treasury, and in 1851 the Legislature of the State of New-York passed a law returning the amounts paid under protest, in all $204,052, but made no provision for those who had neglected to protest, though their case was precisely identical. Several attempts have been made to induce the State to act in an equitable manner toward those who omitted a mere formality, and in 1864 a petition was presented to the Legislature recounting the history of the tax, and praying for relief. This petition was extensively signed by the most prominent and respectable merchants and ship-owners, and in conjunction with its presentation a bill was introduced into the State Senate which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and was reported favorably, but for some reason it failed to pass. After reviewing the case very carefully the committee reported that after deliberation they cannot come to any other conclusion than that the claims of both classes who paid this tax are similar, nor do they see why any distinction should be made between them. The report of the committee was adopted, and it was resolved that a copy of the same be sent to the Legislature, and that the Chamber request that a law be passed in accordance with its suggestions.

The Secretary read a telegram from the special committee of the Chamber, now before the Ways and Means Committee, stating that the committee of the Chamber would have a hearing to-day, and that Mr. Dodge, of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., had had a satisfactory examination before the committee, in reply to the charges made against the firm by Special Agent Jayne.

No special report was made by the Committee on Canals, &c., relative to the imaterial resolution offered by Mr. Ruggles at the previous meeting, and upon which the committee was directed to report.

Mr. Ruggles offered a resolution that a condensed report of all previous action of the Chamber in regard to the Canal Funding bill amendment to the Constitution, together with resolutions passed in regard thereto, be sent to the Legislature, and that the President of the Chamber be authorized to appear personally before the joint House and Senate committee to explain the grounds taken by the Chamber on this important subject. The resolution was adopted.

The following preamble and resolution were presented by Mr. George W. Blunt, and

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 5.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

50 At. & Pac. Tel.... 17
1100 Western Union.. 74⅛
1800 do.... 74⅜
100 do.... 74⅝
700 do.... 73⅝
600 do.... 73¾
3000 do.... 73⅞
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200 Harlem.... b3. 129½
100 Hud. & St. Jos.... 29⅜

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$4,000 U.S. 6s, '81, C. 119⅛
4,000 U. S. 5-20 R.... 118
'65, new.... 118
7,500 U. S. 5-20 C.... 118
4,000 U. S. 6s, 10-40 R.... 112⅛
10,000 U. S. 5s, '81, reg.... 119
20,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 R.... 112⅛
10,000 U. S. 5s, '81, reg.... 119
700 do.... small. 117⅞
500 U.S.5-20R.,'67. 118
5,000 U.S.6s,Cur. 12. 116⅛

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$1,000 Tenn. 6s, old, reg.... 90
1,000 Tenn. 6s, new, reg.... 90
Ex Coup.... 89¾
3,000 do.... 90
1,000 N. Y. C. 6s, '77.... 95
1,000 Cen. Pac. G. B.... 95
1,000 Mo. 6s, '86.... 97
2,000 U. Pac. 1st.... 85
55 Nassau Bank.... 102
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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Il Trovatore. (Italian Opera)—Mme. Christine Nilsson, Signor Campanini, M. Del Puente.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—Deborah—Mme. Fanny Janauschek, Mr. Milnes Levick.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Money—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Brougham, Miss J. Lewis.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—A Round of Pleasure—Varieties—Mr. G. L. Fox, Mr. C. K. Fox, Wilson Brothers.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—Led Astray—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Stuart Robson.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—Charity—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. Frank Hardenberg, Miss Fanny Davenport.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Leatherstocking—Mr. G. F. Rowe, Miss Cathcart.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—Vaudeville and Novelty Entertainment.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—Faust, (Italian Opera.)—Mlle. Emma Sorel, Signors Vizzani and Mari.

TAUT THEATRE.—Fra Diavolo, (German Opera)—Mme. Pauline Lucca.

THE COLOSSEUM.—Cyclorama of Paris by Moonlight—Music, &c.—Afternoon and evening.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performance afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—Farces, Singing, Comicalities—Messrs. Unsworth, N. Seymour, and others.

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The Mayor has nominated Mr. GEORGE H. ANDREWS as Police Commissioner, in place of the late Mr. SMITH. This is so good an appointment, and has been made under so many difficulties, that the Mayor deserves the utmost credit for it. Mr. ANDREWS is a man of great ability, and a good administrative officer; and he has already proved his fitness for a post of the kind now tendered to him by his irreproachable conduct in the Tax Commissioners' Department. We cannot doubt that he will make an excellent Police Commissioner—at any rate, his past life justifies the belief that he will. The Board of Aldermen will not hesitate to confirm the appointment, unless they desire to see a bad man put in the vacant position, which we hope is not the case.

We are the more glad to give the Mayor credit for this nomination because it must have been made under a very strong pressure in behalf of candidates of a totally different kind. It is no secret that there was great competition for the vacant post, and the names of some very shocking candidates have been publicly mentioned. Most of them can bring more or less influence to bear in their favor—indeed, it would surprise most of our readers to learn how much "influence" a thoroughly unworthy man can command by hook and by crook. It is not necessary at this moment to enter into the subject, because Mr. HAVEMEYER has really behaved very well throughout the struggle, and has evidently made the nomination with a single eye to the public service. We should like to be able to speak as well of him throughout the remainder of his official career.

By a decisive vote, and in the most peremptory fashion, the House, yesterday, put an end to the attempt to revive the franking swindle. The vote by which the bill was rejected a few days since being reconsidered by 123 to 103, a motion was made to recommit to the Post Office Committee, with instructions to report substantially the bill introduced by Gen. BUTLER on Mouday. It will be gratifying to those who have recently been alarmed by the discovery that Gen. BUTLER is the leader of the House, to know that this motion was rejected by a vote of 45 yeas to 183 nays, and the question once more recurring on the bill, it was again rejected by 111 yeas to 120 nays. These votes are in the highest degree creditable to the House. They indicate that all efforts to revive the franking swindle are doomed to failure, and we hope that we shall hear no more of the subject, at least during the present session.

The Senate should come to some decision upon the Centennial bill without further delay. If the project is to be abandoned by the Government it is time for the fact to be known, and if it is to be sustained, it is necessary that the required aid should be extended at once. So long as Congress hesitates in the matter the people will refuse to do anything. If it is decided that we are not to have an international exhibition, and that the Government will not make an appropriation in behalf of the enterprise, we believe that the people will take it up and secure a creditable national exhibition at least. But while the affair is in its present condition, nothing will be done, and the time for preparation is now so short that Congress should come to a final conclusion at once. The debate in the Senate yesterday presented nothing new, and it being reasonable to suppose that every Senator has made up his mind on the question, the public will not see the necessity for any additional discussion. The matter must be met by a direct vote at some time, and the sooner it is done the better.

A letter which we publish in another column, addressed by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate in regard to the House bill restricting the refunding of Customs duties, presents the Treasury view of the subject. It suggests the inquiry why the Appraisers and Collectors are not directed, in all cases of reasonable ambiguity, to give the citizen instead of the Government the benefit of the doubt, and levy the lowest rate? This certainly would compel our legislators to be more exact and unambiguous in tariff legislation. If a deed is always taken in cases of doubt most strongly against the person whose language it is, upon the ground that he could and ought to have made his intention clear, why should not the same rule be applied against Congress in favor of the tax-payer? Congress has recently bothered for a long time over a comma in a tariff law, which it said was the turning point of legislative intention, and throughout nobody appears to have remembered what the Supreme Court of the United States once said on punctuation:

"Punctuation is a most fallible standard by which to interpret a writing; it may be resorted to when all other means fail; but the court will first take the instrument by its four corners in order to ascertain its true meaning; if that is apparent on judicially inspecting the whole, the punctuation will not be suffered to change it."

Rumors of war come from South America. This time it is the apparently endless quarrel between Brazil and the Argentine Republic which threatens to revive. How it begun, and what is likely to be its ultimate issue, are questions which interest very few people north of the Gulf, and which, if they did, it would be extremely difficult to answer. Meanwhile, the combatants are supplying themselves with munitions of war from the United States, and are doubtless paying for them out of money lent by the trustful British bondholders. So the great Anglo-Saxon family fulfills its mission of civilizing the world by its far-reaching commerce and its steadfast search after the highest rates of interest compatible with reasonably good security.

While the Judiciary Committee of the State Senate are engaged in hearing arguments over the bill exempting mortgages from taxation, they would do well to take into consideration a very powerful argument against the tax contained in the recent report of the State Assessors. These gentlemen declare that, in spite of the law, not over five per cent. of the value of mortgages in the State is assessed. The tax, therefore, brings in very little to the Treasury, while acting as a very formidable hindrance to the investment of local capital in what ought to be the most tempting of all securities. It is useless to inquire by what devices ninety-five per cent. of the mortgages throughout the State escape taxation, but it is perfectly evident that the methods employed for that end must be largely tainted with fraud. It was considered a valid argument against the income tax, that it was the fruitful source of perjury and false pretenses, and that it necessarily discriminated against the honest citizen and in favor of the rogues. How much more ought the tax on mortgages to be condemned, when we find that for every one thousand dollars on which the tax is honestly paid, nineteen thousand escape the burden altogether? Of course, whether the law is obeyed or not, its existence is used for the purpose of extracting a certain bonus from the mortgagee. In other words, the borrower pays the tax, whether the lender does or not.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

It is not to be concealed that the prospect for general Spring trade is far from encouraging. There is a feeling of hesitancy in the business community, which finds very uniform expression among merchants, not only in our own City but from all parts of the country. Explain it how we will—and there are conflicting opinions in regard to the cause—the fact is not to be questioned. The ordinary enterprises which usually spring into active operation as the season of navigation on the northern rivers approaches, are this year entered on with notable timidity, or are wholly avoided. The importers, the manufacturers, and the jobbers—the three classes who together supply, directly and indirectly, the retail trade of the country—are agreed that there is a dullness little less than stagnation in every quarter, and the opinion of those engaged in transportation is in substantial harmony with that of the other classes.

There is no doubt that in great part this condition of things is due to the uncertainty which prevails as to the action of the Federal Government with reference to finance. The currency of the country is now, unfortunately as we think, entirely within the control of that Government, either through the legislation of Congress or through the exercise of the ordinary and extraordinary powers of the Secretary of the Treasury. It lies with the Federal Government to increase or diminish its volume, or to change its character, and there are the most contradictory views entertained in the various branches of the Government as to the policy which should be pursued in respect of these matters. Senator SHERMAN, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Upper House, has declared that he will endeavor to have the $26,000,000 now out from the "reserve" of $44,000,000 recalled, and that the utmost that he will submit to is the issue of the remainder of the last-named sum. The Ways and Means Committee of the House has introduced a bill authorizing an issue up to $400,000,000. The Banking and Currency Committee of the House has reported a bill for free banking and gradual redemption. The Treasury Department continues to regard the question of issue or recall as one to be determined by the necessities of the Treasury, and for the present has ceased to issue, and has renewed the sales of gold, which necessarily involves the accumulation of greenbacks [illegible] in the hands of the Secretary. A large and influential party in both bodies of Congress are moving heaven and earth to secure an actual increase of currency in some form, with a decided preference for legal tenders. Meanwhile, by petitions and public meetings the mercantile and financial classes are urging the Government, some toward inflation, some toward specie payments. Who can tell what will be the result? Who can say that the currency is to be increased, or cut down, or to remain as it is, or, if a change is made, how much it will amount to, or what direction it will take? In other words, the measure of values is involved in very great uncertainty, to the duration of which there is no immediate end apparent.

It would be very singular, under these circumstances, if trade were not hesitating and uncertain. Men fear to buy lest values may be reduced, or to plan for sale and delivery over any considerable period, lest values should be increased. The influences at work are contrary to each other; but they contribute to the same end. Meanwhile, though money is plenty at the centres of financial transactions, speculation itself is checked, and, since speculative values cannot remain stationary, shares are, for the time being, falling away, and it is obvious that so much of the present stagnation as results from uncertainty as to the action of the Government is not likely to be immediately relieved.

But this is not the sole cause of the difficulty. As we have before pointed out, though there were many important features, in respect of which the business of the country was, before the panic, in sound condition, there was, nevertheless, last year a good deal of overtrading. We have reason to believe that trade was forced and credit extended in some directions to a degree of which the general public was not aware. Some of the transactions of last Fall, some of the "settlements" that were effected during the latter part of September and the month of October, revealed this fact in a startling manner. It came to light in a number of significant cases that the *apparent* business which had been done, and which was represented by notes and book accounts, was out of all proportion to the capital of purchasers, or their capacity for safe and legitimate sales. Much of this distended business was not allowed to reach the conclusion which is inevitable sooner or later, but was passed on into the future by means of a considerable amount of "extensions." It is very difficult to form any very precise estimate of the limit attained by this method of tiding over the difficulty of last Fall; but there is no question that its existence, and the consequences that arose from the practice, account for a considerable portion of the present dullness.

So far as business has been overdone, we presume it will be conceded that it is well that the country should move cautiously for a while, giving time for recovery where recovery is possible, and allowing those who are permanently crippled, who have assumed burdens too great for their strength, to drop out of the ranks. This, of itself, is a healthy process. The country will be very fortunate if it can be made to go on with reasonable moderation, if the causes that make it necessary have not been so powerful that the reaction must bring disaster when it comes. It is one of the unavoidable and ineradicable tendencies of modern commerce to produce overtrading. The competition to satisfy actual needs always tends, in all branches of business, to production in excess of those needs. It is the misfortune of this country—and a very grave and mischievous thing it is—that this tendency is aggravated by our isolated currency and the vicious speculation to which it lends stimulus. When the limit of production for which there is an actual demand has been passed, and prices begin to feel the reaction, then, in this country, the producer begins to clamor for "more money," for Government interference in one form or other, for something or anything except the retracing of his steps, or the abandonment of his excited hopes. It is almost useless to say that the remedy he invokes will only postpone the day of settlement, and make it more terrible when it comes. The dullness of trade may not be without its beneficial results; but if the Government undertake to prescribe for it, we venture to predict that the last condition of the patient will be worse than the first.

QUITE DEAD.

How many times within the past two years has the country been assured that the Republican Party is dead? Why it continues to live in the face of all the coffins that have been made for it we cannot quite make out. It cannot have a very strong appreciation of its friendly mourners. Scarcely two years ago, a great many "distinguished journalists" decided that the Republican Party was as dead as a herring, and they went to Cincinnati to bury it. There was a big grave dug, but there was some misunderstanding about the party or parties deposited in it. The Republican organization walked off as if nothing had happened—the "dog it was that died." Who was it that sung the *Heart Bowed Down* as a funeral march? One Mr. BOWLES, of Springfield, Mass., can tell us, for he took a handkerchief and mopped up the tears of the melancholy vocalist.

Many things have happened since then. The Cincinnati people became convinced by the second week in November that the Republican Party was not quite so dead as they imagined, and they have done it the honor of attacking it many times since, just as if it were really alive. But there is still one quarter in which the belief still lingers that Mr. GREELEY was elected in 1872, and that the "Liberals" are governing the country—and that quarter is the *Tribune* office. Pretty nearly everything has gone to pieces there—a paper once powerful does not circulate now over 20,000 copies a day, influences no opinion in any direction, and takes pay for its advertisements in kind—oil for an oil advertisement, and so on. Certainly this is a great change, as Mr. GREELEY would think. But still the strange person who did so much to bring about the ruin of Mr. GREELEY is convinced that the Republican Party is dead. He is always "exposing" it—the other day he promised a totally new batch of exposures, but found himself obliged to swallow them. Yesterday he announced, for the thousandth time, that the party is quite dead—not an atom of it remains. "In him decomposed. There may be fragments of this organization scattered about in the various States of the Union," &c., &c. It was equally dead in 1872, according to the same bright authority—only somehow the *Tribune* died that year also, with its founder. There is a mendicant journal in its place, now borrowing money of JAY GOULD, now of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, now of one, now of another. But a wreck is not quite the same thing as a strong ship. And if we remember what Mr. GREELEY was, and contemplate what his successor is, we shall see that the difference is greater even in men than in material:

"The vulture crawls where once the eagle reigned."

However, the Republican Party is dead, or "lost"—it all comes to the same thing. So says the Professor. He makes his announcement this time in a facetious strain—such facetiousness as naturally proceeds from a being in whom the sense of humor is entirely absent. No one *with* a sense of humor could possibly print the frightful rubbish and gush which now daily litter up the columns of Mr. GREELEY'S old paper. DICKENS is the model which the Professor has always set before him—the only author he has ever read. And what a very bad thing a bad imitation of DICKENS is, everybody knows. It is enough to make a rational man sick. The Professor, however, thinks it "beautiful," and so he tells his plaintive story about the death of the Republican Party *à la Dickens*. The worst of it is that FENTON and JOHN COCHRANE do not seem to have succeeded yet in establishing any other party to supersede the Republican. They tried pretty hard, and the Professor helped them, and a very nice looking article they managed to produce among them. The Professor has been gazing upon it ever since with disheveled locks, and in what he calls a "large-eyed, wondering way," asking himself, "is this really mine? Am *I* the father?" As for the chief victim of the plot, FENTON & Co. have forgotten all about him. They are still trying to set up their dummy of "Liberalism" on its rickotty legs. They did not carry the election of 1872, but they can promise to win in 1876. They can talk big. Meanwhile, the Republicans seem somehow or other to hold their ground amazingly well, considering how dead they are. The Democrats are doing some active scheming, but they have no policy and no leaders. Having been convicted of dishonesty themselves, they think it will be a very good plan to run after the Republican Party shouting "stop thief." This was the device of the Artful Dodger when he had stolen a handkerchief, and set the people chasing Oliver Twist. This little illustration from DICKENS will make the point perfectly clear to the bewildered mind of the Professor. The plan, however, in this instance will not answer. The Republican Party may not be free from all reproach, but it is quite capable of correcting its mistakes, and compared with the Democratic Party, it is simply perfection. We believe that it still retains the confidence of the country, and that it would elect a President to-morrow by an overwhelming majority if it had to do it.

RESTRICTIONS UPON PUBLIC INDEBTEDNESS.

There is a decided agreement among reflective men of all shades of politics that the power of pledging the public credit has been grossly abused in the past, and that it is extremely desirable to check its further abuse in the future. No Constitutional Commission has sat during the last few years whose members have not been thoroughly impressed with this fact. The new Constitution of Pennsylvania provides against prodigal borrowing by the State, as well as by its administrative subdivisions; the constitutional amendments now before the Legislature of this State have been allowed to retain a sweeping prohibition against cities, counties, or towns becoming stockholders in any enterprise not belonging to the natural functions of government; and the Legislature of Michigan has just met in joint convention to consider certain constitutional amendments, whose most important sections relate to this very question. The following amendment, for example, is nearly identical with the one appended to article 8, of the Constitution of this State:

"No county, city, township, or other municipal corporation shall become a stockholder in, or make a loan or gift to, or lend its credit in aid of, any person, private corporation, or association; nor shall any county, city, township, or other municipality construct or become the owner of any railroad."

The following goes further than our Constitutional Convention was disposed to go, though the abuses against which it is directed undoubtedly prevail in this State to a greater extent than in the State of Michigan:

"No city or village shall incur indebtedness, including that incurred by or on behalf of any school district within its corporate limits, so that its aggregate debt at any time shall exceed ten per cent. on the valuation of its taxable property, as shown by the assessment roll."

These and some other amendments of similar tenor deserve the encomium of Gov. BAGLEY, as being "golden words which might well be engraved in stone, and placed on the walls of every Capitol in the land." They mean, as the Governor of Michigan puts it: "Keep out of debt if possible, but if you must make a debt let it be for a legitimate purpose; restrict it to your ability to pay, and provide for its payment." They strike at the root of more than half of the legislative corruption in the country, and they are calculated to preserve from the blight of ruinous indebtedness many a progressive community which barters a prosperous future for the illusory advantage of going ahead faster than its neighbors. The spendthrift policy of liquidating current expenses by a promise to pay after the lapse of twenty or thirty years has been pushed to greater lengths in small towns than even in large cities, and in no direction can the sovereign power of the State be more beneficially exercised than in placing an impassable limit to its further extension. It would not be difficult to find towns in the West whose debts amount to forty per cent. of their assessed valuation; and neighboring States who desire to check this growing abuse cannot do better than imitate the example of the Constitution-framers of Michigan.

The tendency to restrict the borrowing powers of municipal corporations is sustained by a very decided public sentiment—and that, too, of the most intelligent kind—all over the country. Legislators, whether in State or local assemblies, are usually the last class to recognize the force of such an influence. On no other principle can we account for the ridiculous proposals for pledging the public credit which now and again turn up in our own Common Council, and the bewildering variety of bills for assisting local railroads at the expense of the tax-payers, all of which find a certain amount of support at Albany. We believe that no amendment to the Constitution of this State will be more decidedly indorsed than the amendment to article 8, which will deprive all such proposals of the slightest power for mischief. Meanwhile, the representatives of the people would do well to await, at least, the popular verdict upon that article before passing any bills which would be rendered inoperative by its acceptance.

DRAMATIC INJUNCTIONS.

Injunctions of late years have come to be applied in the courts of this State to a variety of purposes which could hardly have been contemplated in the creation of that particular legal remedy. Like the elephant's trunk, which uproots an oak or picks up a pin with equal ease, the injunction has accommodated itself to the greatest and the smallest objects with the utmost versatility. In the time of the late Mr. FISK, its usefulness was apparently unbounded, and from starting a railroad to subduing an unwilling beauty, there seemed to be no purpose in life to which that fertile financier could not adapt it. Since Mr. FISK'S death, however, the resources of this admirable invention have been less assiduously cultivated, and it is only at comparatively rare intervals we are reminded of what it is capable of being made in the hands of a man of real genius.

Of this class appears to be Mr. ISAAC S. ISAACS, who, having written a play whose value, he thought, would be increased by a little judicious advertising, hit upon the really original expedient of advertising it through the medium of an injunction. He had called his play "Charity"—not, let us trust, on account of the multitude of its sins—and under that name copyrighted it last year. By some curious chance, perhaps by the operation of that occult sympathy which sometimes brings out great inventions and discoveries simultaneously in different countries, Mr. W. S. GILBERT, a well-known English playwright, happened to write a play at nearly the same time, which he also called "Charity," and which was successfully produced on the London stage. Mindful of the pleasure which a previous most charming drama by the same author, "Pygmalion and Galatea," had given to the cultivated playgoing public of this City, Mr. AUGUSTIN DALY resolved to renew this pleasure, if possible, by the production of the new comedy. He accordingly announced it in his bills. Here was Mr. ISAACS' opportunity. His own play there was very little likelihood that anybody would ever hear of on the stage, but it should at least have a nobler fate than the contemptuous rejection, or the still more ignominious oblivion, to be expected from the autocrat of the green-room. Perhaps he had read and felt for the treatment that SMOLLETT'S tragedy received at the hands of GARRICK, (those who have read the tragedy will rather feel for GARRICK;) perhaps he had had the still more painful experience of the luckless playwright who, having called to recover from SHERIDAN the cherished drama intrusted to him months before, was told, to his horror, "My dear fellow, I've really lost your play; but there's a whole drawer-full—take any three you like."

At all events, Mr. ISAACS saw his chance, and seized it with a promptitude that does credit to his business tact, if not to his artistic sensibilities. He moved for an injunction before Judge CURTIS, of the Superior Court, to restrain Mr. DALY from producing GILBERT'S "Charity" on the ground, first, that he had copyrighted that title, and thereby made it forever his own, and, secondly, that his own play was much better than Mr. GILBERT'S, and would therefore suffer in reputation and business value by the identity of title. In fact, he thought he had already suffered to the extent of $20,000, and this sum he modestly desired that Mr. DALY should be directed to pay him, together with a few other trifles in the shape of costs, division of profits, &c. There was no pretense that any similarity existed between the two pieces, beyond the title, or that there had been any bad faith on the part of Mr. DALY or Mr. GILBERT toward the plaintiff, of whose existence, indeed, previous to this suit, both were probably as ignorant as the play-going public. Mr. ISAACS' claim was simply this—that having copyrighted the word Charity as the title of a play, it became his property.

It is needless to say that the court dismissed this ingenuous application with costs. The persons who bring such suits are almost invariably writers of plays that are never heard of outside of the court-room. But Judge CURTIS is none the less entitled to the gratitude of all true friends of the American drama in establishing a good precedent. The case is not one of any great importance, but it rebukes the tendency of a certain class of "dramatic" writers, whose sole aim is to make money at any expense of taste or art, who flood the provincial stage with amorphous productions equally devoid of wit and sense, and who constitute one of the chief obstacles to the growth and development of the native drama. We do not mean to say that Mr. ISAACS is one of these, for we have never heard of either him or his plays. But his behavior in this case is precisely what we should expect from this manner of author, and it is this behavior that needs to be, and that we are glad to see has been, rebuked.

INDIANA JUSTICE.

There is at present in an Indiana jail, awaiting what has been facetiously called her fifth annual trial, a woman who has had the misfortune to have been four times convicted of murder. This unhappy person is Mrs. NANCY CLEM. She happened to have been intimately acquainted with a man and wife named YOUNG, residents of the neighborhood of Indianapolis, for some time prior, to 1868. On the evening of the 12th of September of that year, the YOUNGS were brutally murdered while out carriage-riding. Mr. YOUNG, on the morning of the same day, had drawn a large amount of money—some of it in one thousand dollar bills—from the bank. He had it upon his person, wrapped in a newspaper, when he left home. When his body was found it was missing. The YOUNGS also numbered among their intimate acquaintances SILAS HARTMAN, brother of Mrs. CLEM, and one WILLIAM J. ABRAMS. On the day of the murder, HARTMAN had been seen riding in the direction taken by the YOUNGS' carriage. ABRAMS, on the other hand, was known—also on the same day—to have been industriously searching for the loan of a gun, and to have had no money with which to pay a note, bearing YOUNG'S indorsement, that had just fallen due. HARTMAN was seen eagerly looking around in the vicinity of the murder soon after it occurred, and a woman, attired in a dark dress, bearing a remarkable resemblance to Mrs. CLEM, was noticed emerging from the fatal spot. When these facts became known, suspicion at once pointed to Mrs. CLEM, and efforts were made to discover how she had occupied herself on the day evening in question.

From the statements of a maid-servant and others, it appeared that she had first put on a buff dress, but subsequently had changed it for a dark one; that she had climbed over the fence of her back yard, and had joined the YOUNGS as they drove by. Later in the evening she dined at the house of her brother, in company with ABRAMS, who, according to the testimony, had just paid the note previously referred to at the house of a Mrs. BLY. Close to the body of Mr. YOUNG, there were tracks in the soft turf which exactly fitted the shoes of Mrs. CLEM. As soon as ABRAMS was arrested, the fact was proved that Mrs. CLEM took to the house of Mrs. HARTMAN a package corresponding exactly with the one YOUNG had made up at the bank. This package she handed to Mrs. HARTMAN, saying, "Put it anywhere, for God's sake, for they will search my house for it to-day." She denied having had any business transactions with YOUNG, whereas many notes were produced that contained their joint names. She likewise denied having had any business transactions with ABRAMS, in spite of the circumstance that, shortly after the arrest of the latter, his brother, Capt. ABRAMS, by request, went to her and received a considerable sum, a portion in one thousand dollar bills. Thinking that he had lost one of the bills, the Captain returned to Mrs. CLEM and informed her of his suspicion, when she promptly replied, "Oh! then, BILL (ABRAMS) must have changed it when he paid Mrs. BLY that note."

These and other contradictions were deemed sufficiently suspicious to warrant her arrest. In December of the same year she was brought to trial, and convicted of the murder of Mrs. YOUNG. Exceptions were taken to certain rulings of the Judge. The Supreme Court set the verdict aside and ordered a new trial. In 1869 the second trial was held, and a similar verdict was returned. Exceptions were taken, and the Supreme Court set that aside also. The third time, a change of venue having been granted, she was tried in another county, and upon another indictment. She was found guilty of murder in the second degree. Exceptions were now taken to the ruling of the Judge, sustaining a demurrer of the prosecution against the admission of the plea that the prisoner had previously been acquitted of the same crime—murder in the first degree—on another indictment. A fourth trial took place in June, 1873, and ended in the prisoner's conviction of murder in the second degree. The people were glad that justice had triumphed at last. But it seems they were mistaken in their woman. Mrs. CLEM, as before stated, had resolved never to yield, and while the public rejoicing was in progress her counsel was preparing a fourth bill of exceptions. Argument was subsequently made upon it, and, much to the surprise of the whole community, the Supreme Court once more went to the rescue of Mrs. CLEM. It is now settled that she is to have her fifth trial on the 27th of next month.

The most extraordinary circumstance in connection with this extraordinary case is that the County Commissioners have declared that they will not make appropriations to meet any further legal expenses that may be incurred in connection with it. If this means anything, it means that they are tired of the fight, and, to have it ended, would even be willing to see Mrs. CLEM restored to liberty. "A slight show of indignation," we are told, has been occasioned by the declaration of the Commissioners, but it is still doubtful whether public opinion will prove strong enough to prevent such a disgrace to the State as the abandonment of the prosecution.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Allow me to avail of your columns to acknowledge the amount of $131 25 donated to this association by the employes of Messrs. W. & J. Sloane. This association does not usually make public acknowledgment of donations, but when I received this contribution from those who themselves have little to spare, but who thus tax themselves from their scanty means to aid in their measure to relieve the existing suffering, I felt that a special acknowledgment was due.

ROBT. B. MINTURN, Treasurer.

No. 78 SOUTH STREET, NEW-YORK, Thursday, March 5, 1874.

CAN NOTHING BE DONE?

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Are we idiots? Can nothing be done to open blind eyes in Washington? The talk about more or less currency is about to begin again. Will the Metropolis of the nation remain quiet and stolid while this foolish debate goes on? Will the Chamber of Commerce take no steps to show the absolute folly of it? Shall we rest with the periodical remonstrance—yesterday—of a hundred bankers and merchants, more or less, when every honest trade in the City, including labor, suffers and grinds more and more?

Purely speculative stocks are already up in Wall street from ten to thirty per cent. above their real value, on the bare assumption that the $44,000,000 of reserved greenbacks are to be issued and legalized. Every legitimate industry is damaged in proportion, and threatened with ruin, by the same influence.

My gardener, who has wasted his liberal wages, and run up a debt at his country store, is bellowing for more, more money; but he has nothing but some private cabbage-stumps to give for it, and nobody will lend him a cent.

My brother, who built a house at Duluth and mortgaged it for more than it can ever be worth in his life-time, cries wildly for more currency to save foreclosure; but not a dollar of the $44,000,000 can ever reach him, for he has nothing to give for it but a poor North Pacific Railroad bond.

I have another brother who invested all he was worth, and more to, in lumber, of which he has a great pile out in Pennsylvania; but it is pledged for more than it will sell for—his loss is complete—and nothing which Congress can do will save or help him.

The misery and mischief in all such cases is that the victims look to Congress to raise the dead by administering a larger dose of poison than the one which destroyed them.

With business diminished by the operation of its own laws one-third, we have as much currency as we [illegible]

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we have a great deal more currency than the honest business of the country can use for the present. How shall we get this positive fact into the heads of some Congressmen?

THE TIMES is sound on the subject, but nobody has truly measured the importance of it. It is quite impossible to overstate that. What shall we do? Will the 200 members of the Chamber of Commerce petition Congress en masse? Shall all the suffering trades of the City, including labor, petition Congress? Or will we do nothing, while our law-makers seriously propose legislation to preposterous and disgraceful as to enact that hereafter and forever water shall run up hill all over this continent. C.

THE WIDOWS OF BRAVE SOLDIERS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A feeling of sadness came over me when I read a few evenings ago the following dispatch from Washington:

"The House of Representatives has passed bills giving a pension of $50 per month to the widows of Gens. Meade, Canby, and McPherson.

A strong effort was made to increase the amount to $100, but proved unsuccessful."

The word sadness does not half express all I felt, for I also blushed with burning shame at the thought that the widows of some of our dead heroes had to petition Congress for relief. Was it really true that a strong effort had been made to increase the pensions to twelve hundred paltry dollars per annum? Yet it must have been so.

Will you not take up such a just and good cause in language eloquent and patriotic, that shall at least induce our legislators to reconsider their vote and make them act more generously toward those who need to be cheered up and comforted? There is no better mode to honor the dead than by taking care of the living. Who has a better right to our generosity than the survivors of those who have exposed their life on many a battle-field, amid

"The bursting shell, the gateway wrench'd asunder,
The rattling musketry, the clashing blade,
And ever and anon, in tones of thunder,
The diapason of the cannonade."

I have heard it said that the human heart is provided with a patent self-closing lock, rarely opened long enough for lasting sympathy, and as quickly shut again. Are new emotions really the gravediggers of our sorrows? Be this as it may, but let not the poor and afflicted widow say to her son:

"Thy father nobly fought thy country's battles in
'A thousand glorious actions, that might claim
Triumphant laurels and immortal fame,'

and when he died a nation mourned his loss, yet let me to struggle with the cold charity of the world. Without my son, forget and forgive a nation's ingratitude, and emulate thy father's deeds!"

No! no! It must not be. The Republic should never forget the days of anguish and danger through which it has passed. Not only the honor of the country, but also duty and justice demand that Congress shall act generously toward the widows and children of our victorious leaders. W. S.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, March 3, 1874.

STRIKE OF ERIE EMPLOYES.

UNPAID WORKMEN DEMANDING THEIR WAGES.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 5.—Yesterday afternoon the carpenters and painters, and the track hands and freight-house employes of the Erie Railway stopped work, and held an indignation meeting at night, which culminated in a general strike this morning, until such time as the railway company shall pay their back wages due since Jan. 1. About 400 men waited upon the Superintendent of the railway this morning, and stated their grievances and their ultimatum. Not receiving any satisfactory reply, they marched in a body to Bonney's Hotel, and saluted John Fehrenbatch, the President of the United American Machinists' and Blacksmiths' Union, who is visiting the city. Thence they proceeded to the *Courier* office to return thanks for a full report of the proceedings of their meeting last night. The machinists and blacksmiths of the railway are not engaged in the strike, their organization preferring a different mode of redressing their wrongs.

The strikers held a large and enthusiastic meeting to-night. Large additions have been made to their number, until now there are no trackmen, carpenters, painters, or freight-house employes of the road on this division. The meeting was one of the most orderly ever held under similar circumstances. The speakers used no harsh language nor indulged in any resentment to the officers of the road here. The meeting deprecated any acts of violence toward the road or disorderly conduct in those contending for their rights. All they demanded was that they should be paid arrearages and have a fixed time set for the payment of wages, and be paid promptly. A resolution was passed denouncing any attempt to interfere with passenger trains. The different organizations refuse to return to work until part of their number is restored the amount paid before the reduction, which was from $1 75 and $1 50 per day to $1 40 and $1 25 per day.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

CLOSE OF THE LOUISIANA SESSION—BILLS CROWDED THROUGH IN THE LAST HOURS.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 5.—The sixty days' session of the Legislature terminated to-night. A large number of important bills were crowded through during the last hours of the session, among others a bill creating a new Criminal Court for the trial of cases of treason, murder, falsification or abstraction of election returns or other State records; a constitutional amendment to make State elections in future holden on the same day as the election of Congressmen or President, so as to perpetuate Federal Supervision; a constitutional amendment limiting the State and city debt. The new Registration and Election laws previously passed by the Senate were passed by the House.

It is claimed by the financial officers of the Kellogg Government that the bills passed reduce the State taxation seven mills, the parish tax seven mills, and the city tax nine mills; an aggregate reduction of taxation throughout the State of over two and one-quarter per cent., and reduce the expenses of the City of New-Orleans $1,500,000 per year.

Both Houses passed resolutions indorsing Senator West.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION.

LANSING, Mich., March 5.—The House voted to-day, 56 to 39, to strike out the word male in the article in the new constitution concerning elective franchise. The article providing for the appointment of the judiciary was referred to the Committee on Judiciary with instructions to report a section providing for the election of Judges.

THE RARITAN RIVER BRIDGE—THE JERSEY CITY CHARTER.

TRENTON, N. J., March 5.—A bill introduced in the House, to-day, provides that the bridge now being erected at Perth Amboy over the Raritan River, by the New-York and Long Branch Railroad Company, shall be forty feet high, and the first span at the centre or pivot shall be 270 feet wide. This bill takes the place of the resolution defeated the other day in the House, calling for an investigation into the fact whether the bridge now being erected which is but ten feet high, is not a public nuisance, and an interference with navigation between New-York and Sandy Hook. After an exciting contest between both political parties in the House, Senator McPherson's supplement to the charter of Jersey City was lost. Much confusion prevailed.

THE SOVEREIGNS OF INDUSTRY.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 5.—The National Council of the Sovereigns of Industry, eight States being represented by delegates and others by letter, began a special session in this city to-day. The address of Grand Master Earle, of Worcester, showed the wonderful spread of the order, councils having been formed in eleven States and commissions given to deputies in ten other States within fifty days after its establishment. Prominent officers of the Patrons of Husbandry are present, and arrangements are to be made for the purchasing of all goods used by families at producers' prices. The session will continue to-morrow.

THE HOWE SEWING-MACHINE COMPANY'S PROPERTY RELEASED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 5.—A quit-claim deed, signed by Russell Sage, releasing the property of the Howe Sewing Machine Company from the famous mortgage executed by Mr. Stockwell last year was recorded here to-day. The reported sale of the property of the Howe Machine Company, in Glasgow, Scotland, is denied upon the best authority.

THE ICE BREAK-UP.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 5.—Ice from the Mohawk River passed this city to-day. The river's [illegible]

THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

OHIO.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IN CINCINNATI.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 5.—On Tuesday last the ministers of all the principal Evangelical Churches in Cincinnati met at the Methodist Book Concern, to take initiatory steps toward a temperance crusade in this city. Radical resolutions were adopted, and it was determined to make a decided move. This evening, in Wesley Chapel, over 2,000 people assembled and were presided over by Hon. H. Thane Miller, principal clergyman, and many of the most prominent people of the city were present. The enthusiasm was marked. Speeches by clergymen, laymen, and ladies were made, and loudly applauded. One lady stated that thousands of her sex in Cincinnati were eager to begin the fight. Another, speaking as if thoroughly informed, said the Cincinnati women had been looking and praying for this movement during the past seven years, and were now ready to enlist for a fight, to end only in complete victory. They had prayed that God would destroy the Cincinnati distilleries, and in answer five had been destroyed by fire. By these answers their faith had been made doubly strong, and they looked for nothing else than victory now. During the progress of the meeting a communication was read, and received with wild cheers, from H. Watson, proprietor of the Henrie House, of this city, announcing that he solemnly pledged himself never to sell any more intoxicating liquors. Another big meeting will be held to-morrow night, in the same place, and to-morrow the ladies meet in Rev. George Beecher's church, to inquire "What God will have them to do?"

THE WORK IN COLUMBUS—HOW THE LADIES WERE TREATED BY THE FOREIGN POPULATION.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 5.—The first open attempt to interfere with the lady temperance crusaders occurred this afternoon. The ladies pursued the same plan as that adopted this morning, going in squads to separate parts of the city. One squad went to a hotel and beer saloon in West State street kept by Louis Corradi, an Italian. They were followed by an immense crowd of people, who seemed bent on making sport of the proceedings. The bar-keeper met the ladies at the door and refused to sign the pledge. When the ladies commenced to sing some one in the hotel began playing "Shoo Fly" on an intensely able-bodied cornet, and kept playing during the prayer which followed. The balcony of the house was filled with German men and women, who mocked those who prayed, and one man twice spat on the ladies beneath him. The crowd in the street yelled and cheered, until Capt. Keeler, Chief of Police, called for silence, and made a short speech, counseling respectful attention, and commanding order in the street. This had the desired effect, and the ladies moved to the next saloon, the cornet in the hotel meanwhile playing "Home, Sweet Home."

A most disgusting attempt at ridicule occurred just after the ladies left Corradi's place.

Lawrence Aumiller, a Street Commissioner, collected a crowd of male and female loafers and held a mock prayer-meeting, after which he invited the crowd in to drink.

While another squad were making their way on High street, they called at Theobald's saloon, and were met at the door by the proprietor, who told them that, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the liquor-dealers' association last night, he could not allow them to come beyond his steps.

The ladies then knelt in prayer, during which a wagon from Haster's brewery drove up and a stalwart German driver shouldered a keg of beer and marched through the prayerful ranks into the saloon. At this point of the proceedings an immense crowd of Germans, many of whom were women, set up a shouting and screaming and assumed such threatening attitude that the Police advised the ladies to desist from further services at that point for fear of serious disturbance. This advice was taken and the procession moved on to another point. Various other saloons were visited, but no pledges from dealers were obtained. Each squad obtained some few signatures to the citizen's pledge. All day a prayer-meeting was held at the First Presbyterian Church, and just as its labors this evening a number of signatures were obtained to the citizen's pledge, some of the signers being men of notoriously bad habits and hard drinkers.

James G. Bull, the Mayor of this city, signed the total abstinence pledge to-day. The ladies show no signs of growing weary of their work, and, in fact, are much stronger in faith and numbers than heretofore. The insults offered them to-day have done much to increase their strength. The excitement over the crusade in all circles is growing more intense each day. Several of the most prominent attorneys here are preparing an effectual temperance ordinance, which will be presented to the Common Council for adoption.

INDIANA.

THE CRUSADE GOING ON IN JEFFERSONVILLE—AN INCIDENT.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 5.—From day to day the crusaders in this city continue their devotional exercises. A number of saloons were visited to-day. At Chris. Bader's admittance was denied. Services were commenced on the pavement, when Bader stepped out and flung to the breeze a very beautiful and costly American flag. This attracted a large crowd. Prayers having been ended, Bader received the congratulation of many of the ladies; but, like all the others, he declined to sign the pledge. The idea of producing the flag was to make it a reminder of 1776, when equal rights were accorded to all. Making his money under it he owed it all his allegiance and expected protection under it. The great excitement that was developed by the movement at first has, to a great extent, subsided, and the services are continued at every saloon in a quiet and orderly manner. As yet no saloons have been closed, and it is not likely that they will be unless they are bought out at a large margin.

PENNSYLVANIA.

MAYOR STOKLEY ON THE SUNDAY-CLOSING ACT—PRAYER-MEETINGS HELD DAILY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 5.—Another delegation waited upon Mayor Stokley to-day, representing the Christian laymen of the city, to urge the enforcement of the forgotten Sunday law, and to tender their support to any movement looking toward such an end. The delegation was composed of solid business men and prominent citizens, but their mission was a failure, on account of the absence of the Mayor. To-morrow they will try again. The ladies identified with the temperance cause also sent a communication, praying him to carry out the provisions of the law. The letter closes as follows:

"We do earnestly appeal and implore you to enforce the Sunday Liquor law, and we shall be emboldened to continue this prayer until it is answered."

The Mayor is receiving a great deal of condemnation and censure from nearly all classes of society for the insulting manner in which he received the delegation of Baptist clergymen yesterday. This morning the *Press* contained a bitter editorial against what it styled the boorishness of the Chief Magistrate. Other leading journals alluded in a similar style to the matter. Public attention is being strongly directed as to what action the Mayor will pursue in regard to the Sunday act, now that the City Solicitor has discovered that the Sunday traffic is unlawful, and pointed out clearly the line of duty to be followed. It is extremely likely that the Mayor will issue to-morrow or Saturday a pronunciamento to the saloon-keepers of the city, notifying them to shut up their places of business on Sunday, under the penalty of law. The Mayor can hardly pursue any other course in the premises, as the pressure brought to bear upon him is very great.

In the meantime the women are undaunted by keeping up a lively fire all along the line, in the way of prayer-meetings, which are generally held in prominent churches. This afternoon a large meeting came off in the Sixteenth Baptist Church. The audience numbered several hundred ladies, but no men were admitted. Mrs. R. J. French was the fruiting spirit of the occasion, and delivered an interesting address, in which she claimed that by personal interviews with rum-sellers seventeen had been induced to sign the pledge and give their promise to abandon the business, since the crusade had been inaugurated. The speaker also read letters from twenty-three others, asking to be remembered in the prayers of the Christian women. She also declared that, upon only a partial investigation, she had discovered that a number of Protestant clergymen were owners of property in which drinking saloons are located, some being of the worst character. A batch of letters, coming from the wives and children of drunkards, was read, some of them depicting blasted homes and cruel treatment, and all appealing to the ladies to prosecute the movement. Arrangements were made to have the prayer-meetings continued, and an organization formed to prosecute the work in accordance with plans that have been perfected. On Sunday a grand union temperance mass-meeting will be held in the city under the auspices of the various temperance organizations.

GOUGH ADDRESSES THE WOMEN OF PITTSBURG.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 5.—The main feature of to-day's meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance League, as it is now called, was a speech by John B. Gough. He indorsed the Ohio movement, and bade the women of Pittsburg God-speed in their efforts to overthrow King Alcohol.

Arrangements have been made for holding daily prayer-meetings in the suburbs. There is no likelihood that street-prayer and visiting of saloons will be resorted to.

NEW-JERSEY.

A BAR-ROOM CRUSADE TO BE OPENED IN CAMDEN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 5.—The temperance movement in this city has assumed a more active shape, and the anti-whisky people are awaking to the necessity of inaugurating a bar-room crusade. The attempt to repeal the Local Option bill in the State Legislature is strongly condemned here, and petitions are being extensively circulated against the movement. The liquor men are also hard at work, and manage to fire up considerable excitement. They are somewhat alarmed at the following letter, which came through the mail to-day, and which was received by nearly every dealer in Camden:

DEAR SIR: The committee of the temperance movement will call at your place of business on Friday to pray with you and your customers, and to endeavor to induce you to abandon the sale of intoxicating liquors, as your trade is yearly sending thousands, unprepared, to meet their God. We will call as above stated, and hope you will receive us with a Christian spirit. Our exercises will consist of exhortation, singing, and prayer. THE COMMITTEE.

Daily prayer-meetings are still being held, and are well attended. The women are very reticent, and it seems impossible to obtain any information regarding their plans.

MASSACHUSETTS.

DIO LEWIS "THROWN OVER" IN WORCESTER—APATHY OF THE CLERGY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 5.—The first effort of Dio Lewis to inaugurate his Western crusade in the East has failed. After a vigorous attack on the heart of the Commonwealth, which has been debated, discussed, supported, and sneered at, as the feelings or interests of individuals directed, the system has been totally abandoned and if any crusade is to be inaugurated at all it will be purely a Worcester one. The city for the last few days has been in a state of feverish excitement. Business has been partially suspended and large gangs of the great unemployed have paraded the streets waiting for the demonstration to commence. The liquor-dealers at first dreaded the attacks of praying bands, but after consulting the legal authorities they determined to protect their rights, and accordingly entered into a compact with the city authorities, by which the ladies were to be removed, not only from the saloons, but also from streets in the vicinity. The chief cause of the failure, however, is to be attributed to the inactivity and apathy of the clergy. The ministers have not come forward as was expected, but have wanted for the ladies to take the initiative, and this is mainly due to their hatred of such scenes as characterized the Western movement. Dio Lewis has not been here since Tuesday, and no tidings have been received of his whereabouts. He left the city, as is his custom, when the organization had been completed and watched for the result no doubt with feelings of extreme anxiety. To-night he has doubtless learned that his doctrines are unpalatable to the sensible, law-abiding citizens of Worcester. The failure of his plan in this city virtually kills the movement in New-England, and the great reformer will be obliged to follow the advice of the late Mr. Greeley and "go West." It does not seem probable that any attempt will be made to introduce the crusade into Boston, as the people there are thoroughly aroused to a sense of the failure here, and will not be easily induced to adopt a plan which has been rejected so emphatically here. The temperance agitation still continues, and the ladies are trying to agree on some plan of attack, so that in a few days a Worcester movement may be substituted for that which has spread so rapidly in the West.

LOUISIANA.

UNITED FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 5.—The Supreme Council of the United Friends of Temperance is now in annual session in this city. Eight Grand Councils are represented, embracing 625 subordinate councils, with a membership of 42,528, although the order is only one year old. The following resolutions were adopted to-day:

Resolved, That the delegates of the Supreme Council of the United Friends of Temperance hail with pleasure the grand and sublime movement inaugurated by the women of Ohio and other States against the iniquities of the liquor traffic, and wish them God-speed in their noble undertaking.

Resolved, That we heartily rejoice over the uprising of the Christian women of the country against the gigantic vice of the age, and send them words of cheer from Louisiana.

IN THIS VICINITY.

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society was held at No. 58 Reade street, at 3 P. M. yesterday, to take some action for the promotion of the temperance cause in this City. In the absence of the President, Mr. Peter Carter was called to the chair. After remarks by Rev. Dr. Cuyler, Rev. C. D. Foss, Rev. Alfred Taylor, and others, the following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. Cuyler, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the National Temperance Society extend cordial greeting and hearty sympathy to the noble and devoted women of our land who have so earnestly entered upon the new movement against the liquor traffic and its attendant evils, and we will gladly cooperate with them on their platform of "prayer, praise, persuasion, and personal effort."

Mr. J. H. Stearns submitted a resolution, which was adopted, inviting "the clergy of all denominations to meet in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner of Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street, on Monday next at 3:30 P. M., to confer together in relation to the best method to advance the temperance movement in New-York City."

Messrs. J. H. Stearns, A. A. Robbins, T. A. Brouer, Rev. Alfred Taylor, and Rev. A. G. Lawson were appointed a committee on the part of the society to make arrangements for holding a series of public meetings throughout the City and in the vicinity. It was resolved to issue four pledges—one for druggists, one for real estate owners, one for store-keepers, and another for grocers, to be used in the campaign.

REV. DR. HALL ON THE QUESTION.

A temperance meeting, under the auspices of the New-York City Mission, was held in Olivet Chapel, No. 63 East Second street, last evening. Rev. George J. Mingins presided, and prayer was offered by Rev. George Chambers, after which Rev. Dr. John Hall spoke on the temperance question. In behalf of the New-York City Mission he said that they did not wish to be represented as indorsing or as condemning the movement in the West. There were many things upon which persons were not bound to express an opinion; but he believed that there could rarely be found any movement for good that did not have some admixture of human in it. He thought that the good accomplished by the movement in the West should be admitted, though some critics should discover something in it which they did not approve. The sin of intemperance, said the speaker, was peculiar, because it was contagious, and it was plainly evident that the question of the suppression of the evil was of the vastest importance to society, and one in which the politician, the press, and the pulpit should have an interest in promoting. In this country there was a probability of the liquor interest affecting in a large degree political movements. It was rapidly growing, and its strength as a controlling power was being steadily developed. Politicians would do well to consider the subject. All the laws that were passed would not be worth as much as the paper upon which they were written unless sustained by the sentiment of the people. The speaker next referred to the evils of intemperance in social life, and said that it was necessary for fathers and mothers to put aside the wine-cup in order that their example might be imitated by their children. It was natural for a son to say that whatever was good enough for his father was good enough for himself. In New-York the speaker thought the liquor business might be regarded as a civic one. In such a vastly-populated City there were gathered persons of all nationalities, and possessing every variety of temperament. It would do well, then, for society to consider what a large portion of crime was connected, directly or indirectly, with the curse of strong drink. Intemperance increased taxation, rendered life insecure, embarrassed justice, and its evil results were detrimental to the happiness and prosperity of the succeeding generation. Rev. Dr. Hall then viewed the question from a religious standpoint, and said that he was glad to say that Christian people had already decided among themselves that total abstinence was a good thing. He did not believe it was a sin to touch wine, but the results arising from the fearful abuse of it have become so deplorable that Christians must conclude it was wrong to touch it. Too often, he said, strong drink stood between man and his God. A man whose brain and soul was possessed with drink could not be made to understand the true way to heaven. He would say then, roll the whisky-barrel out of the way, that the sinner may be rescued from sin and death.

Rev. George J. Mingins made a few remarks, in which he called upon the ladies who were willing to go out in the streets and labor for the promotion of the temperance cause to hold up their hands. Probably fifty responded to the call. The meeting was then adjourned.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IN LONG ISLAND CITY.

At Smithsonian Hall, in Long Island City, last evening, a large audience gathered and listened to entertaining and instructive remarks from several influential speakers, among whom was Hon. J. K. Nagle, Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Rechabites, and Chas. Latour, Grand Conductor of the Sons of Temperance of New-York. Mr. Nagle related his personal experience as a drunkard, narrating many humorous incidents in his life, all of which pointed a good moral. Mr. Latour advised decided action, and recommended that another division be started at once. A large number signed the pledge, and toward the close of the meeting there was much enthusiasm among the people assembled. A communication from the Dutch Kills Lodge of Good Templars, offering the use of their hall for the purpose of holding a mass temperance meeting on Monday evening. The committee of ladies appointed to secure signatures to the pledge did not report in full, but from the partial returns received it is evident that a good work has been accomplished. The Washingtonian Society now numbers over 200 active members. It was decided to hold a mass temperance prayer-meeting in Smithsonian Hall, to be conducted by ladies and gentlemen, at 4 o'clock P. M., Sunday, March 8. A resolution was passed resolving to appoint five gentlemen, in addition to the committee already in the field, to secure names to the pledges. A gentleman from Greenpoint narrated the progress of the work in that locality, and spoke at some length upon the good results that accrued from the holding of Sunday afternoon temperance prayer-meetings.

The following preamble and resolution was then introduced and passed unanimously:

Whereas, In many places praying bands have been organized and prayer-meetings held in liquor-saloons with success; and,

Whereas, If it is deemed advisable by this meeting, be it

Resolved, That temperance prayer-meetings be held in a public hall, in addition to the regular meetings, at least once a week.

President W. T. Johnson made some feeling remarks, recounting the progress of the work in other localities, and especially encouraged the ladies to take hold.

THE SALOON-KEEPERS.

The German saloon keepers of the Eleventh Ward, George Kuppe presiding, held a meeting at No. 228 Third street, yesterday afternoon, when action was taken to organize a protective organization on a plan recently adopted at a mass-meeting of saloon-keepers. A meeting of German saloon keepers of the Twenty-second Ward was also held yesterday afternoon, when similar action was taken to effect an organization for that district.

AMUSEMENTS.

OPERA AT THE LYCEUM.

A performance of "Lucia Di Lammermoor," with Mme. Ilma Di Murska as the heroine, was given at the Lyceum Theatre, last evening, as the first of a series of three representations, which will end with the present week. A large audience was in attendance, and much applause was bestowed during the progress of the entertainment. Mme. Di Murska's personation of *Lucia*, viewed as a succession of feats of vocalism, is a remarkable effort. The opening aria and cabaletta, and the mad scene, as written by Donizetti, are sufficiently trying, but as changed here and there by inventive *maestri* familiar with the accomplishments of Mme. Di Murska, they are of unparalleled difficulty of execution. The purity of the music, especially in the passages commencing with "Ardon gl'incensi" and "Spargi d'amaro pianto" suffers, of course, by the attempts at adornment, but a brilliant pyrotechnic effect is attained, and in Mme. Di Murska's exertions, this is the main point. Mme. Di Murska is not ill at ease on the stage, nor does she lack experience as an actress; her picture of *Lucia*, however, would scarcely be worth mentioning were it not for the marvelous exhibitions of vocal agility for which it is a convenient framework. These exhibitions were, last night, as striking as when listened to on the occasion of the artist's début in the United States. Runs of faultless precision and definition, sustained high notes of rare quality, and surety in the most perilous intervals were as plentiful in Mme. Di Murska's portrayal of *Lucia* as the fabled leaves in Vallombrosa. Dramatically, the performance was unimpressive; as a display of bravura singing, it was a thing to be remembered. That it will not easily pass out of mind is hardly to be doubted, and that its exceptional character was appreciated was proven by liberal plaudits. Mme. Di Murska was called before the curtain at the end of the first act, and the *scène de folie* was interrupted again and again by demonstrations of pleasure. The lady's greeting, be it noted, was very cordial. In other respects the representation was gratifying. We like Signor Vizzani's voice, and he frequently uses it with considerable taste. He did so, at all events, in "Fra poco," and was rewarded for an unusually impassioned delivery of that well-worn piece, by hearty applause. Signor Mari moderated his wonted excess of zeal, which Talleyrand would have reproved even more in an opera-singer than in a diplomatist, and was an acceptable representative of *Enrico*. Signor Testa and Signor Reyna found favor in the remaining rôles, and, thanks to the united endeavors of everybody concerned, the sestet was very finely done, and as a consequence redemanded. Both orchestra and chorus were under thorough control of Mr. Maretzek's baton, Mrs. Maretzek being at her post as harpist, and supplying the prelude to *Lucia's* initial air in a style we wish were more widely emulated. To-night, there is to be a recital of "Faust," with Mme. Sorel as *Margarita*, and Signor Vizzani as *Faust*.

THE ITALIAN OPERA.

"Il Trovatore" will be sung at the Academy of Music this evening, Mme. Nilsson personating *Leonora*; Miss Cary, *Azucena*; Signor Campanini, *Manrico*, and Signor Del Puente, *Di Luna*. "Mignon" will be the opera at the matinée, and "Gli Ugonotti" is to be given on Monday.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—The train which leaves Philadelphia for Phœnixville and Norristown at 11:05 A. M. was thrown off the track in consequence of a misplaced switch, about a quarter of a mile below Conshohocken. The train at the time was under pretty good speed, and after getting off the track ran some distance on the ties before it was stopped. The fireman was thrown from the engine, but sustained no injuries. The engine was badly wrecked, and the cars were thrown across both tracks. Considerable delay was caused before the road was again passable. Fortunately, no passenger was injured.

THE CONNECTICUT INSANE ASYLUM.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 5.—There is authority from the Board of State Charities to say that Mrs. Theodosia Scott, a patient in the Insane Asylum at Middletown, in this State, is not improperly detained in that institution, as publicly charged by a lecturer in this State recently. Members of the board have thoroughly investigated the case, and find that the woman is a proper subject for treatment in the asylum.

Phelps, Dodge & Co. in any court in the United States." When he (Mr. Dodge) returned from Washington, the firm decided they had better pay the amount demanded than have a judgment of $1,750,000 entered against them in court; besides, instead of receiving a moiety on this large amount, the informer would receive the moiety on only $571,000. The firm did not take the advice of Mr. Boutwell, as at that time the question of his being elected to the Senate was pending, and they did not know who would be his successor as Secretary of the Treasury. They therefore concluded not to renew their offer, and settled and paid the money to get rid of the infamous charges against them, and being at that time in ignorance of the real amount they owed the Government. They now think they were fools for paying the money, but there was terror in this thing. The first day they went into the room at the Custom-house there was terror, and there was terror throughout. They found themselves dogged by spies in any steps they took. They could not have a private meeting of the firm at night but what it was known in that dark hole at the Custom-house. There was no lawyer in their office but what it was known. One of his partners, as January came round, opened his desk, and, culling out such letters as he wished to retain, burnt the rest. They received a letter from their attorney informing them that Mr. Jayne said that Phelps, Dodge & Co. were burning up their papers, and he would have them all in Ludlow Street Jail that night. How did Mr. Jayne know? Because he had under pay a man in their store—the second book-keeper. They traced the fellow and turned him out of their store. He went where he was now employed. He was a Clerk in the Post Office. A place was obtained for him by the agent of the United States. In answer to a question, Mr. Dodge said the man is named Kennedy. Mr. Dodge remarked being now seventy years old, and having been in the business fifty years, he had hoped to be permitted to die in peace. Theirs was the case characterized as the greatest on record, held up to vindicate the law, and to show who these infernal merchants are. The firm admit that some of their goods were undervalued by mistake, the market value at the time of shipment being governed by the value of the goods in the main lines of invoice. The undervaluation was on a few boxes, and the difference was between the price at that time and what they paid a few months before they put on their invoice-book. It was at a time of fluctuation in metal in England. In the month of January, 1872, they paid twenty-eight shillings; in July, forty-four shillings, and in December, thirty-five shillings.

In reply to the accusation that they had paid $1,000 to an appraiser for damages on Russia sheet-iron, he said they found that the ship sailed from St. Petersburg six months after the date it was said the money was paid. He could prove that they paid on one single contract in 1872 duties on $58,000 by their own overvaluation, and on their total imports that year, of $8,500,000, they voluntarily added to the invoice sent from Liverpool $260,000 on account of tin, paying the Government twenty-five per cent. duty. With this statement, Mr. Dodge submitted the case.

The committee then adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

On the assembling of the Ways and Means Committee to-night, Mr. Wm. E. Dodge concluded his statement, saying:

CONCLUSION OF MR. DODGE'S STATEMENT.

From the first moment the thunderbolt fell on us, great stress has been laid on the assumption that no one for a moment suspected that I had any knowledge of irregularities in my office, thus, by implication, placing the pretended fraud on some other members of my firm. Whatever responsibility there may be, we will stand or fall together. We are all one family, consisting of brothers-in-law and our own sons; and, as parents, we thank God that none of our sons are capable of an attempt to cheat the revenue. They are all independent of any motive to such an act; and the three seniors, after maintaining an honorable position till we have reached near three score and ten, with God's blessing on our honest labor, and having enough without stealing, intend to go to our graves, leaving our children at least the inheritance of an unspotted reputation, save that which our Government has inflicted. Permit me to say, with all frankness, and not as one suffering from a sense of injury, but as one who has for the past fifteen years stood by the Administration, giving five times as much every year as the amount claimed due the Government, that unless something is done to reassure the confidence of the importing merchants very soon they cannot be expected to continue their support, and a few years will suffice to drive American merchants from the field, and transfer the business to unnaturalized foreigners, who, keeping no books in this country, will, after making their money, return home to spend it, and our American merchants will be driven from commercial pursuits. We shall then present to the world the sad spectacle of a great country without a merchant marine, and its commerce handed over to strangers. In conclusion Mr. Dodge said it was desirable for those in his business to have a specific instead of an ad valorem duty—one cent a pound, including the weight of the box, which would make the duty sixteen or seventeen per cent. It would make a few hundred thousand dollars a year in favor of the Government. This would avoid future difficulties as to excess of value.

Mr. Dodge was interrogated at some length on the subject of foreign values, invoices, bills of lading, &c., and gave it as his opinion that specific duties should be levied in all cases where practicable. Private bonded warehouses were liable to more risk than otherwise. In other words, there was more opportunity for abuse. As to moities, he was opposed to the whole system of spies and detectives; but there should be carefully-prepared laws, with officers of high character and standing in the Custom-house, and not men solely to make places. The seizure of books and papers was a remnant of the dark ages. He made a correction in his remarks of this morning. He should have said that during forty years the importations of his firm were between $300,000,000 and $400,000,000, and not between $400,000,000 and $500,000,000, but paying duties to the amount of $50,000,000.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MOIETIES.

Mr. Hyde, representing the Boston Board of Trade, resumed his remarks from yesterday against the present system of moieties. He thought, however, a Treasury agent might be instrumental in correcting mistakes at points where they occur, and thus secure the Government revenue. Such officer should be fitted for the place and paid a good salary. He submitted whether it was fair that when a man attempted to cheat the Government of $5,000, the penalty should be $100,000, as in a case he cited. He knew the special agent in Boston, and his assistants, were honest. He did not make a charge against them, but against the law. A recent case occurred in Boston, at the instance of a special agent, not the one in Boston, or Jayne, now here. The books and papers of a mercantile firm were seized by the Marshal. The agent left an article with a newspaper, stating that the house in question had been guilty of defrauding the revenue to the extent of a million and a half of dollars. If this had occurred during the late panic the firm would have been ruined. The charge had not yet been made against the firm in court. The special agent had a brother who had been a clerk in that importing house for years. The gentlemen could have an idea of the terrible fear of merchants that attempts may be made to tamper with their clerks by special agents for the purpose of obtaining moieties. He recited some of the practical workings of the law, saying as it stood it was driving the business of importing by Americans from our own ports, the foreign houses running no risk. It was impossible for merchants to live with the terror of special agents pending over them. In New-York and Boston a member of Congress (he meant Gen. Butler) is retained, and with a shrewd special agent and the Government attorney, what chance has the merchant with the Secretary of the Treasury, who may be honorably disposed in all cases? He read from a communication of Secretary Boutwell against the present moiety system, in which Secretary Richardson concurs. The Senate Committee on Retrenchment in 1872 also condemned the system. It might, however, be retained in cases of smuggling. We have never dared to seize a Cunard steamer for smuggling by its officers, but our own citizens are stripped of their property for violation of law, either by design or inadvertence, while the foreigner is relieved on paying the duty. Mr. Hyde alluded to the fact that in Boston in four years it cost the Government $32,000 to collect $21,000 as duty due from delinquents. Who would deem it safe, he asked, if the police of cities should have a promise of reward for every arrest made? If there should be such an attempt made the people would drive the police from their midst.

The committee, at 10 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, when Mr. Hyde will conclude, and others will be heard.

TAMMANY GENERAL COMMITTEE.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE MODE OF CONDUCTING PRIMARIES—MR. DALY'S BILL DISCUSSED.

The Tammany General Committee met last night at Tammany Hall, John W. Chanler in the chair. A petition of Democratic electors of the Twenty-first Assembly District, praying for a change in the method of conducting primary elections, was presented by Algernon S. Sullivan. On motion the petition was not read, and was referred for consideration to the Committee on Organization. It represents that the "Democratic primary elections, by which members of the General and District Committees are chosen, in not providing beforehand for a registration of Democratic electors, gives an opportunity for Republicans and non-residents of the district to vote, and any one to vote several times." The petition enumerates the frauds which can be easily perpetrated by the present method, as the providing of only one polling-place in a district where there are 7,000 Democratic voters, and limiting the time of voting to two hours, when it is physically impossible to cast more than 1,000 votes in that time, the use of repeaters and all the devices resorted to which have been so often exposed in the newspapers. In conclusion, the petitioners ask that elections may be held at once to fill vacancies in the two committees (of the Twenty-first Assembly District,) it being thought likely that a majority of both committees will be willing, for the sake of harmony, to resign, and allow the people in their respective poll districts to decide whether they would like to fill their places with others. After this petition was so summarily disposed of a long report from the Committee on Organization, recommending changes in, and revisions of, the by-laws of the General Committee was adopted. Coroner Woltman, from the Committee on Organization, then presented a series of resolutions with a long preamble favoring the bill presented to the State Legislature well known as "Mr. Daly's bill." The preamble sets forth that the bill which passed the lower branch of the Legislature, proposing to authorize the Common Council to settle the question of doubtful jurisdiction over the work for the necessary improvement of the streets and avenues adjacent to public parks and places north of Fifty-ninth street, had been amended in the Senate by covert language, and authorization was given to the Department of Public Works to commence improvements on fifteen miles of street and to make an unlimited expenditure of public money.

The Department of Public Parks was charged with giving out special contracts to the amount of nearly $1,500,000 to political favorites and friends without offering them opportunities for public competition, as is provided by law, and it was also charged that many large contracts had been so awarded to wealthy contractors, when the work might be done for seventy-five per cent. less than the prices of the favorites. In the resolutions hostility was declared to all special legislation, and members of the Legislature are called upon to oppose any scheme to favor one department at the expense of another, and to vest the authority to determine whether the Department of Public Works or the Department of Parks should have the control of the work of improvement in the Common Council. Ex-Judge Hogan argued strenuously that the General Committee should not take sides with any department, as the adoption of the preamble and resolutions would force them to do. He moved that the preamble which condemned the Department of Public Works should be stricken out. Mr. Kelly spoke in favor of the adoption of the preamble and resolutions as read, and they were adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

THE BUREAU OF CHARITIES.

The Committee of Nine constituting the Bureau of Charities held their regular weekly meeting yesterday, Mr. Theodore Roosevelt in the chair. The result of inquiries made by the bureau relative to the "Bleecker Mission," of which Mr. Belin Laval is President, gave as the the total number of beneficiaries of the institution 10, while the receipts of the mission for last year amounted to $600 from voluntary contributions. The mission, which is represented as being in debt, has no other officer besides the President. The rules of the mission were submitted to the bureau, and among others the following: "Rule of the Bleecker Mission." "Keep your mouth shut about other people's business, and mind your own." Repeated communications have of late been made to the bureau respecting the "New-York Juvenile Guardian Society," located at No. 101 St. Mark's Place. The Committee on Investigation found that no annual report has been published, and that three directors have resigned, or are about to resign, while others do not reside in this City at all. The Committee, accordingly, after inquiry, does not recommend the Juvenile Guardian Society for support. By comparative investigation it has been discovered by the committee that a large number of "repeaters" subsist by drawing support from a number of benevolent societies. At present about 400 are known to the committee as such. A "black list" has been started and a circular prepared, by the aid of which it is expected that such frauds on the part of beneficiaries in the future can be prevented.

ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY.

Timothy Cunninghom came to Jersey City from Philadelphia Wednesday night, and was arrested on a charge of bigamy as soon as he stepped from the train. The next train brought his wife, from whom he had run away after getting $100 from her to purchase a horse and wagon in Jersey City. Timothy was married to a woman in Philadelphia ten years ago, and one year subsequently he married Mary Madigan, who now resides at No. 186 Bay street, Jersey City. He followed the plan of living with his Philadelphia wife, who had a comfortable competence, until he could cajole some money out of her on the plea of starting in business, when he would come to Jersey City and live with wife No. 2 until that money was all spent, and then go back to Philadelphia again. On his return he invariably professed sorrow and repentance for his misconduct until restored to the confidence of wife No. 1, when he would repeat the same game. The last time he returned he took with him two children of his second wife, and wife No. 1 agreed to take care of them, having none of her own. He brought the children with him when he ran away Wednesday. At the examination, in the First District Police Court, yesterday morning, wife No. 2, evidently prompted by a desire to shield the prisoner, declared that she was never married to him, although she had previously informed Detective Howard, who made the arrest, that she was married to him, and that she could produce her marriage certificate. She persisted in that statement, although the prisoner contradicted it and exhorted her to tell the truth. Under these circumstances the charge of bigamy was withdrawn, and Timothy is held for robbery, wife No. 2 for fornication, and wife no 1 as a witness.

A NEW COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

A number of gentlemen met at the chapel attached to the Church of the Strangers, in Greene street, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of establishing a colonization society. The object being to raise funds sufficient to transport a large number of poor people from this City to a tract of land—comprising 4,000 acres—near Aiken, S. C., donated by Mr. John H. Keyser, and to erect buildings thereon, sufficient to accommodate 1,000 persons. Dr. Willard Parker was appointed Chairman. Mr. Keyser stated that it would be necessary to raise $50,000, to insure the success of the undertaking. For that sum he would guarantee to furnish homes for 1,000 people, and make them self-supporting. This would amount to $50 per head, and he, whereas it now costs the City $150 per head to support the poor. Remarks favoring the project were made by Dr. Deems, Mr. George W. Andrews, Messrs. Brodhead, Smith, and others, after which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially commend to the gentlemen selected by Rev. Dr. Deems the inauguration of the scheme of colonization, if in conference with him they deem it as wise and practicable as it appears to be to this meeting, assuring them that if they so report to the citizens of New-York we believe the money needed will be given, and we individually will co-operate with them to the extent of our ability.

The following-named gentlemen were appointed Trustees: Dr. C. T. Deems, Jackson S. Schultz, Nathan Bishop, Stephen Cutler, John W. Edmonds, Dr. Elisha Harris, Smith Sheldon, Rev. H. C. Potter, Jonathan Sturges, Rev. T. Gallaudet, Howard Potter, Dr. Willard Parker, Rev. Howard Crosby, Dr. John Hall. The meeting then adjourned, subject to call.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Daniel Dermody, Thomas Craig, Patrick Hughes, Adolph Smith, and James McLean were arraigned before Justice Otterbourg, at Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, charged with cruelty to animals. The officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were the complainants, and charged that the prisoners abused horses and cows, which they had in charge, in a most shameful manner. They were each held in $300 bail for trial.

ASSESSMENTS IN NEW-JERSEY.

The Commissioners appointed by act of the Legislature to adjust unpaid assessments for street and sewer improvements in Jersey City have partly completed their work. They have examined twenty-five improvement assessments, and found in every instance that the amounts paid to contractors for doing the work were excessive. The assessments examined thus far were principally for improvements made in the former City of Bergen before consolidation with Jersey City. In one case it was found that the amount paid in excess of value for constructing a sewer was $14,666 75. By the provisions of the act appointing the Commissioners the corporation of Jersey City is obliged to pay the difference between the original assessment and the amount fixed by the Commissioners as a fair valuation for the work. On the assessments already adjudicated upon Jersey City will have to pay $211,538 48.

THE FISHING TRADE.

FISH PLENTIFUL AND THE CATCH GOOD.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., March 5.—During the week ending March 4 fifty arrivals have been reported, and there has been a most marked activity of the present fishing season. The arrivals are as follows: Eight from Newfoundland and Grand Menan, with frozen herring; nine from the Western Bank, and 33 from George's Bank. The majority of the George's fleet are bringing in good fares. The larger fish have not made their appearance on the Banks yet, but the quality brought is good, and the market bids fair to be active. Most of the George's fleet have completed their first trip, and are now absent on the second. The indications are favorable for a good catch. The aggregate catch during the week is about 1,650,000 pounds. The last arrivals from the Western Banks report the fish plenty. The old stock of Bank and George's fish, which was unusually large in the Fall, is nearly reduced to a bare market, and the prospect is favorable for a successful season. New Georges are in good receipt, with small sales at $5 50 per quintal. The Bank stock is small; sales were made at $4 75 to $5 per quintal, but yesterday were held higher. The market has been glutted with halibut for the past week, but good prices have been obtained. All the arrivals have had good fares, aggregating about 360,000 pounds from the Banks and about 100,000 from the George's men. The market has been very active and sales were made at 4¼ to 9 cents per pound for white and 4 to 7 cents for gray.

The Newfoundland herring fleet have nearly all arrived. The open weather of late is unfavorable for this branch of the fishery and also for the Grand Menan herring fleet. The arrivals of frozen herring from Newfoundland and Grand Menan this season are forty-six in number, and two are to arrive. New-York and Philadelphia are taking the bulk of the catch.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, March 6—1 A. M.—Clear weather has prevailed in New-England, with winds veering to northerly, and in the Middle States and lower lake region with winds veering to easterly. Fresh north-easterly winds, falling temperature, and increasing cloudiness in the South Atlantic States, with occasional light rain during the evening. The barometer has fallen from the West Gulf, north and north-west to the lake region, with increasing cloudiness, rising temperature, and increasing southerly to easterly win

CITY REAL ESTATE MARKET.

A good deal of business was transacted at the Exchange, yesterday, Thursday, March 5, as will be seen from a review of the proceedings, as follows:

E. R. Ludlow & Co., as an executors' sale, by order of the executors of the estate of Peter F. Hanaugh, deceased, sold the four-story and basement brown-stone front house, 22.6 by 53, with lot 103.3 feet deep, No. 243 East Thirteenth street, north side, 157.6 feet west of Second avenue, for $18,250, to Richard Deeves. The property sold at a comparatively low figure. The same firm also sold, at a similar sale, by order of the executors of the estate of John Westerfield, deceased, the two-story attic and basement brick house, 18 by 92, with lot about 52 feet deep, No. 175 West Fourth street, north side, between Sixth avenue and Barrow street, for $9,500 to Mrs. Westerfield, one of the heirs of the estate. Two other houses and lots adjoining the above, known as Nos. 177 and 179 Fourth street, were also offered and knocked down at $7,500 and $6,700, respectively, but no sales effected.

A. H. Muller & Son, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, A. H. Wallis, Esq., Referee, disposed of six four-story brick tenement-houses, each 25 by 53, with lots each 100 feet deep, situate on East Sixty-sixth street, south side, 150 feet west of First avenue, for $11,000 apiece, the purchaser of the entire property being James Crumble, plaintiff in the legal action.

Ed. Harnett, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, under the direction of Thomas H. Landon, Esq., Referee, sold the three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, 15 by 51, with lot 102.9 feet deep, No. 217 East Seventy-second street, north side, 250.10 feet east of Third avenue, for $4,600 over and above mortgage, with interest, amounting to $7,125, making the total price realized $11,725. The buyer was T. Donovan.

A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, G. Tillotson, Esq., Referee, disposed of three lots, 25 by 102.9, on West Eighty-fifth street, south side, 175 feet west of Eleventh avenue, for $4,300 each, and one lot same size adjoining, 250 feet west of Eleventh avenue, nearer Riverside avenue, for $4,500. S. Chittenden, a party in interest, purchased the entire plot.

Wood, Brady & Todd offered at public auction a lease of four lots, each 25 by 100, located on West Thirty-fourth street, south-west corner of Twelfth avenue, opposite Manhattan Market, the ground rent for the plot being $1,625 per annum. The lease was knocked down for $3,500 bonus, but not sold. A similar plot on the south-east corner of Thirty-fourth street and Twelfth avenue, opposite above, also billed for sale, was withdrawn.

Wm. Kennelly adjourned the legal sale of a lot on West Thirty-first street, 187 feet east of Eighth avenue, to March 20.

Hugh N. Camp also adjourned the legal sale of the leasehold premises No. 612 East Eleventh street, between Avenues B and C, to April 2.

In reference to the auction held in Brooklyn yesterday by Jay J. Johnson, Jr., particulars as to result will be noted to-morrow.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

For to-day, sales as follows are announced to occur at the Exchange:

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John Hubbell, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 15.1 by 66.5, on West Fifty-seventh street, 350 feet east of Seventh avenue.

By Wm. Kennelly, Sheriff's sale under a mechanic's lien, of a right, title and interest in the three houses and lots Nos. 350, 352, and 354 East Fifty-seventh street, south side, 115 feet west of First avenue; lots each 20 by 73.5.

EXCHANGE SALES, THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

NEW-YORK.

By E. R. Ludlow & Co.

3 4-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, No. 243 East 13th st., n. s., 157 ft. w. of 2d av.; lot 22.6x103.3; house 55 ft. deep..$18,250

2 2-story attic and basement brick house and lot, No. 173 West 4th st., n. s., 113 West 4th av. and Barrow st.; lot 18.2x4x19.6x46.9; house 26 ft. deep..... 9,500

By A. H. Muller & Son.

6 4-story brick tenement-houses and lots, East 65th st., n. s., 150 ft. w. of 1st av.; lots each 25x100.4; houses, each 25x53 ft. deep; $11,000 apiece.....$66,000

By B. V. Harnett.

2 3-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, No. 217 East 72d st., n. s., 206.10 ft. e. of 3d av.; lot 15x102.9; house 61 ft. deep....$11,725

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White.

3 lots, West 85th st., s. s., 175 ft. w. of 11th av., each 25x102.2; $4,300 each.....$12,900

2 lot, West 85th st., s. s., 250 ft. w. of 11th av., 25x102.9, adjoining above..... 4,500

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Wednesday, March 4.

Amity st., s. s., 40 ft. e. of 6th av., 20x50.....$10,000
Bleecker st., s. s., 50 ft. w. of Sullivan, 20x50. 7,350
Prospect place, w. s., 80.9 ft. n. of 42d st., 18.8 x.....
Same, w. s., 41.6 ft. n. of Broome st., 20x75. 16,000
Same, w. s., 220.6 ft. s. of 10th av., 25x98.9.. 11,625
44th st., n. s., 58.9 ft. w. of Madison av., 17.10 x100..... 23,000
92d st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 3d av., 18.7x100.5.. 9,500
78th st., s. s., 278.4 ft. e. of 3d av., 18.4x102.2. 8,500
88th st., s. s., 204.11 ft. w. of 3d av., 17.7x 100.2..... 15,000
123d st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of Madison av., 150x 100; 134th st., s. s., 250 ft. w. of Madison av., 150x100.1, Morrisania..... 22,000
140th st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of Grand Boulevard, 100x267.6; 140th st., s. s., 475 ft. w. of Boulevard; thence w. to high water mark, Hudson River; thence n. 99.11 ft.; thence e. to Boulevard; thence s. 99.11 ft. to beginning..... 100,000
Locust av., s. s., adjoining lot No. 18, Thomas E. Walker partition map, 32x130..... 600
Lexington av., w. s., 80.6 ft. n. of 54th st., 20 x70..... 19,000
1st av., e. s., 47 ft. n. of 17th st., 48x94..... 1,500

LEASES RECORDED.

Coleman House, Broadway, n. w. corner of 27th st., 2 years, per year..... $2,200
Improvements, 5 years, per year..... 1,400
Gold st., Nos. 69 and 64, 5 years, per year..... 4,000
66th st., n. w. corner 1st av., store, 3 years, per year..... 1,200
66th av., No. 180, 10½ years; 5 years, per year, $5,700; 5 years, per year..... 6,000
66th av., No. 868, 5 years, per year..... 3,000

CITY REAL ESTATE.

TWO NEW FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY and cellar brown stone houses, with improvement on 42d st., 184 feet west of Boulevard, $23,000; also a four-story brown-stone front, No. 308 West 59th st., passing unsurpassed; also a lot, directly opposite, $17,000; also valuable leasehold property, three two-story stores and dwellings, with a two-story brick building in rear, 26x50, 8th av., near 58th st. Apply to WM. BEDELL, Builder and Owner, No. 985 8th av.

FOR SALE.

A new medium-size, four-story brown-stone house, No. 115 East 70th st., "Lennox Hill," built in the best manner by days' work, and hard wood finish; repiete and complete in every respect; very low terms and easy. Inquire of CHARLES FOX, or WM. BENTLEY, on the premises, No. 12 East 45th st.

$250.—LOTS IN NEW-YORK CITY.—AN opportunity will be afforded those desiring to see those cheap lots in the Twenty-fourth Ward, at Heights of Morrisania, by taking the 9:15 or 10 o'clock trains from 42d st. and 4th av., Harlem Railroad, on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, March 6, 7, and 9. Our agents will meet parties at Woodlawn Depot. Houses are being rapidly built. POTTER BROTHERS, No. 4 Warren st.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT FURNISHED.—AN elegant house on Murray Hill; first-class four-story high-stoop, brown-stone house, 25x55, fully and elegantly furnished; lot 25x200 feet, with large, first-class stable on street in rear; will be rented to a first-class private family at $700 per month.
HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

AN ELEGANT HOUSE.—FOR SALE—49TH ST., a very near 5th av.—four story, brown stone, high stoop, 25 by 65 by 100; hardwood, first class in every respect; to be sold cheap. Apply promptly and get a bargain.
OGDEN & CLARK,
Broadway and 17th st.

FOR SALE—TWO THREE-STORY AND BASEment brown-stone houses on 123d st., between Madison and 4th aves.; terms easy; or would take in exchange for first mortgage bonds of New-York or New-Jersey Midland Railroad. S. R. S., Box No. 2,130 New-York Post Office.

HIRAM MERRITT,
REAL ESTATE, NO. 53 3D AV.
PROPERTY RENTED OR SOLD;
Entire charge taken of property; reference given.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS BROWN-STONE house on the east side Park av., near 38th st. Price $42,000, being 10 per cent below cost. Mortgage, if desired, and a perfect order throughout; sixty per cent can remain on bond and mortgage. Inquire for permits, &c., of E. S. HAYWARD, No. 644 Broadway.

A SACRIFICE OF FOUR FULL LOTS, beautifully situated on Fifth av. and 137th st., fronting on Mount Morris Square. Twenty-third Ward, New-York City. Can be bought for $6,500; $1,500 less than actual value. M. E. CRASTO & SON, No. 2,109 3d av.

REAL ESTATE.—BUYING, SELLING, EXCHANGing, charge of estates, and collection of rents carefully attended to. Highest references. D. H. KING, Jr., No. 57 Pearl st., Franklin square.

FOR SALE—THE FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY Brown-stone house, No. 18 West 25th st., 32 feet wide by 60 feet deep; lot half the block; price, $100,000.
HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

FOUR-STORY, HIGH STOOP, BROWN STONE front, 25 feet wide; carpets, six mirrors, gas-fixtures in perfect order; $27,500; easy terms. No. 207 West 38th st.; owner on premises.

ELEGANT DWELLINGS CHEAP.—NO. 16 East 57th, Nos. 1, 19 East, 18 West 534, 16 West 55th, 15 East 49th; 5th av., Nos. 299, 564, 675, 781, 783.
P. E. STEVENSON, Jr., No. 11 Pine st.

FOR SALE THE FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE house No. 150 West 42d st.; immediate possession; full lot; terms easy. Apply to A. JOURNEAY, No. 51 Liberty st.

FOR SALE AT LOW FIGURES.—A FINE three-story high-stoop brown-stone house on 45th st., between Lexington av., (Gilford place) in good order; size, 22x50.00. Apply to WM. H. HAVNOR, No. 5 Pine st.

FOR SALE TO BUILDERS ON LIBERAL TERMS.—Five full lots (excavated) north side of 79th st., 100 feet east of Madison av. E. WILLIAMSON, Jr., No. 135 5th av., from 10 to 11 A. M.

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San Francisco to Yokohama, $150, gold.
San Francisco to Hong Kong, $200, gold.

For freight and passage or other information apply at the Company's office, Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal st., New-York.

H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.
RUFUS HATCH,
Vice President and Managing Director.

INMAN LINE.

NOTICE.

The course laid down for these steamers, and followed by them for several years, is fixed to pass 250 miles south of Cape Race. Although the voyage is thus lengthened about 100 miles, better weather is met with, and there is much greater freedom from fogs and floating ice, and the danger of navigation consequent thereon.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, March 7, 8 A. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Mar. 14, 2 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, Mar. 21, 8 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Mar. 28, 2 P. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN, $70, $80, and $90, gold, according to accommodation. Round trip tickets at low rates.
STEERAGE, to Liverpool, Queenstown, Glasgow, Londonderry, London, Bristol, Cardiff, Belfast, Havre, or Hamburg, $30. Prepaid certificates, $32, currency.
Passengers also forwarded to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Paris, at reduced rates.
Drafts issued at lowest rates.
For Cabin Passage and general business apply at the Company's office, No. 15 Broadway.
For Steerage Passage, at No. 33 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

O'DONNELL & FAULK, No. 402 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.
M. S. CREAGH, No. 102 State st., Boston.
F. C. BROWN, No. 32 South Clark st., corner Lake st., Chicago.
WM. INMAN, Liverpool, and No. 9 Rue Scribe, Paris.

WHITE STAR LINE,

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL. CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.
NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.

Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.

ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, March 7, at 8 A. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, March 14, 2 P. M.
OCEANIC.....SATURDAY, March 21, at 8 A. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, March 28, at 2 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.
Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining

SAFETY, SPEED, AND COMFORT.

Saloon, State-rooms, Smoking-room and Bath-rooms in MIDSHIP section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.

Rates—Saloon, $80, gold; return tickets, $140, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from the old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $32, currency.

Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, to Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.

Drafts from £1 upward.

For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.

R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

GREAT WESTERN STEAM-SHIP LINE.

NEW-YORK TO BRISTOL, ENG., DIRECT.

Taking goods and passengers for London, Cardiff, Newport, Gloucester, and all ports in Bristol Channel.

The steamers of this line will sail from Pier No. 18, East River, as follows:

CORNWALL GIBSON.....Saturday, March 14
ARRAGON, WETHERN.....Saturday, March 28

GREAT WESTERN, STANPER, to follow.

Cabin passage, $70 currency; intermediate, $45 currency; steerage, $30 currency. Parties wishing to send for their friends can obtain prepaid certificates. Drafts for £1 and upward. For freight or passage apply to

E. E. MORGAN'S SONS,
No. 70 South st., New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent, (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

ST. LAURENT.....LACHENEZE.....Saturday, March 7
PEREIRE.....DATIER.....Saturday, March 21
AMERIQUE.....ROUSSAU.....Saturday....April 4
EUROPE.....LEMAIRE.....Saturday....April 18

PRICE OF PASSAGE: FIRST CABIN, (including wines,) TO BREST OR HAVRE:

First Cabin, $125.....Second Cabin, $75.

Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

American travelers going to or returning from, the Continent of Europe, by taking this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble, and expense.

GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

NOTE.—In June and thereafter, the departures will be on fourth day of every week.

STEAMER ST. LAURENT, FOR BREST AND HAVRE, will leave Pier No. 50 North River, foot of Morton st., on SATURDAY, March 7, at 8 o'clock. Passengers are requested to be on board at 7 o'clock.

GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent.

NATIONAL LINE.

NOTICE.—This Company takes the risk of insurance (up to $500,000 in gold) on each of its steamers, thus giving passengers the best possible guarantee for safety and freedom from danger at sea.

The most southerly route has *always* been adopted by this company to avoid ice and headlands.

From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.

TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Italy...Sat., March 7, 8 A. M. | Canada...Sat., Mar. 21, 8 A. M.
Spain...Sat., Mar. 14, 1:30 P. M. | Egypt...Sat., Mar. 28, 3 P. M.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

DENMARK, SUMNER.....Saturday, March 14

Cabin passage, $70 and $80, currency. Steerage, $29, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

EAGLE LINE.

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAM-SHIPS
TO PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG, AND HAMBURG.
The elegant Clyde-built steam-ship
GOETHE, Capt. WILSON,
will sail on TUESDAY, March 24, from Eagle Line Pier, foot of 1st st., Hoboken.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

PLYMOUTH, LONDON, CHERBOURG, and HAMBURG, Cabin, first saloon, $120, gold; second saloon, $72, gold. Steerage to Plymouth and London, $30, currency; steerage to Cherbourg and Hamburg, $30, gold. Tickets from Hamburg, $36, currency. For freight apply to FUNCH, EDYE & CO., No. 27 South William st. For passage apply to KNAUTH, NACHOD & KUHNE, General Agents, No. 113 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from
PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY TUESDAY, as follows:

IDAHO, Capt. MOORE.....March 10, 10 A. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. PRICE.....March 17, 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. BEDDOE.....March 24, 10:30 A. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. FREEMAN.....March 31, 3 P. M.

Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall st.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.

The steam-ship HERMANN, F. HACKENREIN, will sail on SATURDAY, March 7, at 2 P. M., from Bremen Pier, foot 3d st., Hoboken, to be followed by steam-ship GRAF BISMARCK, Capt. G. MEYER, on WEDNESDAY, March 11.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO LONDON, HAVRE, AND BREMEN, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:

First cabin.....$120
Second cabin.....72
Steerage.....30

For freight or passage apply to
OELRICHS & CO., Agents, No. 2 Bowling green.

ANCHOR LINE

Steamers sail from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Dey st.,
every WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY.

Passengers booked at lowest rates to and from Glasgow, Liverpool, Londonderry, London, Belfast, Paris, Hamburg, Bremen, &c. Company's office, No. 7 Bowling green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

FOR HAVANA.

NASSAU, RROGRESO, AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line,
Leaving Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana direct).....March 12
CITY OF MEXICO, (Havana and Mexico).....March 14
CITY OF MERIDA, (Havana via Nassau).....March 19
CUBA, (Havana direct).....March 21
CITY OF HAVANA, (Havana direct).....Wed., March 25

For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 33 Broadway.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave New-York without one. Their services are invaluable in removing the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best station and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are subject, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Courtesy, experience, and trustworthy couriers and valets can be engaged and trustworthy couriers and valets can be engaged by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, to be obtained at the Tuileries Garden Gate, Rue de Rivoli, Paris.

SHIPPING.

CARDIFF LINE,

NEW-YORK TO CARDIFF.

The South Wales Atlantic Steam-ship Company's New, First-Class, Full-Powered Clyde-Built Steam-ships

Will sail from Pennsylvania Railroad Wharf, Jersey City, as follows:

ANDES.....March 7
GLAMORGAN.....March 21
PEMBROKE.....April 4
ANDES.....April 18

Carrying goods and passengers at through rates from all parts of the United States and Canada to ports in the Bristol Channel, and all other points in England.

These steam-ships, built expressly for the trade, are provided with all the latest improvements for the comfort and convenience of

CABIN AND STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

First Cabin.....$75 and $80 currency.
Second Cabin.....$55 currency.
Steerage.....$30 currency.
Prepaid steerage certificates from Cardiff.....$35

Drafts for £1 and upward.

For further particulars apply in Cardiff at the Company's Offices, No. 1 Dock Chambers, and in New-York to
ARCHIBALD BAXTER & CO., Agents,
No. 17 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK. FROM BOSTON.
Cuba, Wednesday, March 4 | Parthia, Saturday, March 7
Abyssinia, Wed'y, March 11 | Olympia, Sat'day, March 14
Calabria, Wed'y, March 18 | Scotia, Saturday, March 21
Algeria, Wed'day, March 25 | Marathon, Sat'y, March 28
Java, Wednesday, April 1 | Atlas, Saturday, April 4

And every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.

Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.

Rates of passage—Cabin, $80, $100, and, $130, gold, according to accommodation. Tickets to Paris, $16, gold, additional. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage, $30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown, and all parts of Europe, at lowest rates. Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports. For freight and cabin passage apply at the company's office, No. 4 Bowling green; for steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

GREAT OUTHERN FREIGHT

AND
PASSENGER LINE
FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

SAILING SEMI-WEEKLY AT 3 P. M.,
from Pier No. 29 North River.

MANHATTAN, Capt. M. S. WOODRULL, Saturday, March 7.
GEORGIA, Capt. S. CROWELL, Wednesday, March 11.

Superior accommodations for passengers.
Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Goods forwarded free of commission.

Passage tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of
JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents,
No. 177 West st., (corner of Warren,)
Or W. P. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling green.

Through freight tariffs. Passage tickets by all routes and to all points in the South and South-west, and further information can be obtained at the office of
BENTLEY D. HASELL,
General Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 317 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.

THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA, AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

THE STEAM-SHIPS
SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, March 7,
from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, WEDNESDAY, March 11, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
H. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 93 West st.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT.
Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rates and bills of lading, in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.
GEORGE YONGE,
Agent Great Southern Freight Line,
No. 409 Broadway.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

Regular mail steamers SAILING 23D OF EVERY MONTH, making close connections at RIO DE JANEIRO with the English and French Mail Steamships for MONTEVIDEO and BUENOS AYRES.

The splendid steam-ship ONTARIO, Capt. GEO. R. SLOCUM, will sail from PIER No. 43 NORTH RIVER, on MONDAY, March 23, at 3 P. M., calling at ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, and RIO DE JANEIRO, going and returning.

First cabin passage to St. Thomas, $100; to Para, $150; to Pernambuco, $200; to Bahia, $210, and to Rio de Janeiro, $225, gold. Steerage half price. EXCURSION TICKETS, good for six months, at three quarters of above rates. Freights and passage taken.

Apply to WM. R. GARRISON, No. 5 Bowling green.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO HAYTI, VENEZUELA, CURACOA, MARACAIBO, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA.
First-class full-powered English-built iron screw steamers, from Pier No. 17 East river.

For HAYTI, CURACOA, VENEZUELA, and PORTO RICO.
CLARIBEL.....March 17
CORINTH.....April 3

For JAMAICA and COLOMBIA.
ATLAS.....March 6
ETNA.....March 24
First-class passenger accommodation.

PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents.
Nos. 56 Wall and 59 Pine sts.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships will sail every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River, (foot of Cedar st.,) for Havana direct, as follows:

Steam-ship COLUMBUS, R. C. REED, March 3.
Steam-ship MORRO CASTLE, T. H. MORTON, March 10.
Steam-ship CRESCENT CITY, T. S. CURTIS, March 17.

For freight or passage (having magnificent accommodations) apply to WM. CLYDE & CO.,
No. 6 Bowling-green.

D. MCKELLAR, Agent in Havana.
March 31, 1873.

SAMANA BAY COMPANY.

For Puerta Plata, Samana and San Domingo City. The United States Mail steam-ship TYBEE, Capt. DELANOY, will leave Pier No. 3 North River, on SATURDAY, March 7, at 3 P. M. Bills of exchange on Puerta Plata, Samana, and San Domingo City, in sums to suit purchasers, for sale. For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., (except Sundays,) connecting with road.

RAILROADS.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.

ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville, with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New-York State.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., and Belvidere.

6 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.

7 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mount Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

10 A. M.—Morning Express, daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington, at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:30 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

4 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

5:30 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.

6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

6:40 P. M.—For Plainfield.

7:30 P. M.—(Emigrant)—For Easton.

9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.

For Elizabeth at 5:15, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:45, 9, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15 A. M., 12 M., 12:40, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 3:45, 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 P. M.

R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.

H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD.

NOTICE.

On and after Dec. 1, 1873, trains will leave South 8th st., Brooklyn, as follows, Sundays excepted:

For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

For Islip, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M.

For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

For Merrick, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 5, 6, and 6 P. M.

For Hempstead, Rockaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

Sunday trains leave Brooklyn for Islip at 8 A. M.

Sunday trains leave Brooklyn for Hempstead, Rockaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THE GREAT TRUNK LINE AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

Trains leave New-York, from foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman palace cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 3 and 6:30 P. M. Sunday, 5 and 8:30 P. M.

For Williamsport, Lock Haven, Corry, and Erie, via Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Division, 7 P. M.

For Williamsport, 9:30 A. M., connecting at Philadelphia.

For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, at 8:40 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 9 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 8:40, 9:30, A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8:30, 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 8, 9:30, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 9 P. M.

For Trenton at 7:20 A. M., 2, 3:10, and 6:10 P. M. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 8:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20, 6:10, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7:20, 8, 9, 10, 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:30, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:10, 6:30, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 5:20 and 6:10 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 4:30, and 6 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:20, 6:10, 7, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 6:10 P. M.

For East Millstone, 12 noon, 3:10 and 4:30 P. M.

For Lambertville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Philipsburg and Belvidere, 3 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 6:10 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:20 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Pemberton and Camden, 6 A. M. and 9:30 P. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 12:35 and 7:35 P. M., daily; 11:55 A. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:05 A. M., 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday 6:05 A. M. and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:15, 5:15, 8:44, 10:27 P. M. Sunday 5:22, 6:05, 6:50, 11:55 A. M. and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket-offices, Nos. 526, 436, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant Ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.

A. J. CASSATT, D. M. BOYD, Jr.,
General Manager. General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Nov. 2, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St. Albans.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.

10:45 A. M., Southern and Western Express.

3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.

8:00 P. M., daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, via Erie R. R. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Way trains as per Local Time Table.

C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Jan. 1, 1874, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st. and Fourth avenue) as follows: 8:05 A. M., 1, and 5:10 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 3 and 4:38 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 12 M., and 12 night. Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-Haven, Middletown and Willimantic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M.; New-London and Stonington Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M. and 3 and 8:10 P. M., (7 P. M. on Sundays); Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 9:10 P. M. (9:10 P. M. on Sundays.)

Way trains as per local time tables.

J. T. MOODY, Superintendent New-York Division.
E. M. REED, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR LUMBER FOR THE SOUTH WING OF THE NEW STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS' BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1874.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. of the 7th day of March, 1874, for furnishing and delivering the following schedule of Lumber at the new State, War, and Navy Departments' Building, Washington, D. C.:

17,500 feet B. M. (more or less) Southern pine rails, sawn 2x3 inches.

45,000 feet B. M. (more or less) Southern pine flooring, grooved and tongued, 1¼ inches thick, and in width not exceeding four inches.

500 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish ½ inch thick.

3,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1 inch thick.

12,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1¼ inches thick, and to be richly figured for door-panels.

1,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 1½ inches thick.

25,000 feet B. M. (more or less) mahogany, to finish 2 inches thick.

In the preceding schedule of lumber must be of the very best quality of their respective kinds, thoroughly seasoned and free from all knots, sap, shakes, and other defects, and must all be delivered in such lengths and in such quantities as will be called for by the Superintendent.

The Southern pine rails and flooring must all be heart stuff, free from all defects, as none other will be accepted.

The mahogany to be of the best quality Honduras.

Samples of each of the above woods will be submitted.

Payments will be made on the delivery and acceptance of material, deducting ten per centum until the completion of the contract.

All bids must be accompanied by the penal bond or two responsible persons, in the sum of three thousand dollars, ($3,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him; the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the district wherein he resides.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, and any bid that is not made on the printed form to be obtained in this office, and does not conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, will not be considered; neither will any proposals be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the lumber trade, and who have not the necessary facilities for furnishing the material.

Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bids for Lumber," and addressed to

A. B. MULLETT,
Supervising Architect.

PROPOSALS FOR "PLASTERING MATERIALS" FOR THE SOUTH WING OF THE NEW STATE, WAR, AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS' BUILDING, WASHINGTON D. C.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21, 1874.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 12 M. of the 7th day of March, 1874, for furnishing and delivering the following schedule of Plasterers' Materials at the new State, War, and Navy Departments' building, Washington, D. C.

2,000 barrels (more or less) best quality plasterers' lime.

1 000 barrels (more or less) best quality plaster of Paris, of Keene or Northerspoan's brands, or brands equal thereto.

500 cubic yards (more or less) of sharp, clean river sand.

200 bushels (more or less) sharp, clean white sand.

700 bushels (more or less) long, dry, and clean cattle hair.

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Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand st., third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this City, will be required from the successful bidder; proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

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RICHARD KELLY,
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JOHN J. MACKLIN,
JONATHAN O. ALSTON,
FERDINAND T. HOPKINS,
Board of School Trustees, Nineteenth Ward.

Dated NEW-YORK, March 2, 1874.

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Board of School Trustees, Twelfth Ward.

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SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A STEAM floating derrick of a capacity for lifting ten tons. Sealed proposals for the above work will be received at the office of the Department of Docks until 11 o'clock A. M. of Monday, March 16, 1874. For full information see the City Record. Copies for sale at No. 2 City Hall.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

ADVERTISEMENTS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE NEW-YORK TIMES
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No. 308 West 23d st., corner of 8th av.
NO EXTRA CHARGE WHATEVER.

A VERY REMARKABLE FINE PAIR OF COACH HORSES.

A pair of the noblest and finest specimens, descendants of that celebrated sire Solbell, and favorably known in Western New-York.

CONSTELLATION OF MONROE,

are now offered for sale. They are six years old this coming Spring, sixteen hands and one inch high, under the standard; rich dark steel gray with black points, now commencing to dapple out very nicely; very closely matched, extremely stylish, and very extraordinary fine drivers.

SOUND AND KIND.

These noble, fine size, beautiful color, rangey, lengthy, tasty form, stylish, lofty, majestic movement, with kind disposition, renders them one of the very best and most desirable pair of

COACH HORSES

that can be bought out in the Empire State. They can be seen at San Francisco Stables, Utica, N. Y.

PRIVATE STABLE TO LET.—HALF OF A large and commodious private stable in 8th st., with yard attached, will be let cheaply to a good tenant. Apply at No. 21 East 8th st.

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TWO PLEASANT ROOMS.—THIRD FLOOR; board if desired; small select family; satisfactory terms to agreeable party. No. 10 East 28th st., near 5th av.; references.

NO. 28 WEST 12TH ST., NEAR 5TH AV., with board, handsomely-furnished back room on second floor; sun exposure; for two gentlemen, or gentleman and wife.

NO. 43 WEST 24TH ST.

To let, with board, a handsomely-furnished third-story front room; large closets attached;

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

HOMEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGE.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT—DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES AND AWARDING OF PRIZES.

A large and interested audience assembled last evening at Association Hall, on the occasion of the Fourteenth Annual Commencement of the Homeopathic Medical College. Among those on the platform were Edmund Dwight, Rev. Dr. Ludlow, Robert L. Stuart, S. A. Jones, M. D., Profs. J. W. Dowling, E. S. Bradford, E. M. Kellogg, F. W. Allen, Wm. Tod Helmuth, C. F. Liebold, S. Lillenthal, Henry D. Paine, G. S. Alden, Charles Avery, LL. D., Adrian J. Ebell, R. H. Lyon, and others. In the absence of the President of the Board of Trustees, Hon. S. H. Wales, Edmund Dwight occupied the chair, and conferred degrees. Prof. J. W. Dowling, M.D., Registar, reported progress on the part of the college, and observed that while there was but fifty in the class three years ago, in the Class of 1874 there were 105. He complimented the graduates on the manner in which they passed a particularly difficult examination—such a one as they would never again be called upon to stand. In reference to their new hospital, which he stated last year would be in good working condition at the present time, he stated that the location originally selected was No. 26 Gramercy Park, which was entirely satisfactory to the Board of Trustees. Objections, however, were made on the part of those residing on the park that contagion might be communicated by flies, &c., and reluctantly they were compelled to look out for new quarters. The next site determined upon was at the corner of Thirty-seventh street and Lexington avenue, but here the same objection was raised, with a like result, and now they were looking for a place up town where there were neither neighbors nor flies [applause.] He trusted that at their next meeting the hospital would be in a flourishing condition. The following graduates then received medical certificates at the hands of Mr. Dwight. George A. Adams, New-Jersey; D. A. Babcock, Massachusetts; R. A. Bennett, New-Hampshire; J. Bowman, Michigan; F. H. Boynton, New-York; L. R. Brainard, New-York; E. E. Case, Connecticut; Lenis B. Couch, Massachusetts; O. H. Crosby, New-York; G. D. Dresser, Maine; G. S. Farmer, New-York; G. W. Flagg, Massachusetts; D. Boote, Connecticut; Edward E. Fuller, (M. D.) New-York; H. Gilbert, Ontario; W. H. Griffith, New-York; C. B. Holmes, New-York; Leander P. Jones, Connecticut; C. S. Kingsbury, New-Hampshire; R. J. Krebs, Pennsylvania; O. D. Kingsley, (M. D.,) C. J. Miller, W. E. Rounds, H. C. Smith, New-York; R. M. Stone, Iowa; E. P. Strank, W. H. Toby, James E. Tufts, C. E. Van Cleef, New-York; Henry A. Wilcox, Vermont; S. Worth, California; H. S. York, New-York.

Dr. C. S. Kingsbury delivered the valedictory on the part of the graduating class. In choice and well-adapted terms he expressed the sentiment of the class to maintain unsullied the honor of the profession to which they were just admitted members, and to oppose, by every honorable means, quackery in its every phase. He cordially acknowledged the deep debt of gratitude they owed to the Faculty, and he seemed only to express the sentiment when he avowed on his return to feel ashamed of the Class of 1874. In his words of farewell to his classmates he besought them to encourage kindly relations with brother practitioners, irrespective of sectarian prejudice, and by a thoughtful attention to the duties of their calling to merit public confidence and regard. [Applause.]

On the part of the Faculty R. H. Lyon, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, delivered the valedictory. Having commended the graduates for their diligence and careful attainment of the medical degree in a homely manner, he offered some salutary suggestions for their future guidance. There were certain topics which they should carefully consider and bear in mind in their professional life. One was their relationship to the remaining medical professions they should understand that homeopathy was not simply a mere branch of medicine consisting in the administering of certain doses, but included a thorough acquaintance with the various departments of medicine. Another topic was that their professional affiliations should be liberal, not merely because of acquired love, but in the spirit and teachings of the science itself. A mistake too often committed was the adoption of a profession as a means of living. Such a motive afforded no guarantee of success, and unsuccessful practice never led to instruction. He reminded them that they should not be satisfied now that they had obtained their degree, but that they should continue to work assiduously the better to benefit humanity. He hoped they would ever maintain that scientific integrity and honesty of purpose success was bereft of its great charm.

The prizes were then presented by Profs. Helmuth, Lilienthal, and Allen. The Lilienthal prize, consisting of a gold medal, was awarded to W. H. Toby, for the best surgical report. The second prize, on the same subject, was given to Theodore Wildes. The Allen prize, a gold medal, was awarded to L. B. Couch for a splendid original investigation into the properties of prussic acid. The Professor made an appeal for a more liberal support that could be made. The Helmuth prize, a silver medal with gold mounting, for the best report of surgical clinics, was given to R. M. Stone. The Allen prize, "Frey on the Microscope," was awarded to Arthur Beach for the best examination in histology.

The following junior students who passed a successful examination were awarded certificates: Richard K. Valentine, Walter W. French, Henry D. Baldwin, Edmund L. Wyman, William G. Hartley, Arthur T. Sherman, Alfred Wanstall, George C. Tuthane, Henry J. Anderson, Perley H. Mason, Richard B. Sullivan, Arthur Beach, John Lance, J. M. Price, J. M. Dart, Miner W. Gallup, Fred. W. Bradbury, Arthur T. Hills, Chas. R. Rowell, Francis A. Gille, Horace B. Tinker, John Merrill, Charles D. Smith, Jr., Jerusha Hugh M. Smith, Theo. H. Baldwin, Geo. H. Routledge, Albert T. Piper, J. A. Winans, Rev. F. Oertel.

The proceedings terminated with the benediction. Subsequently the annual Faculty supper took place at the Metropolitan Hotel.

LECTURE BY PROF. PEABODY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Rev. Prof. Andrew P. Peabody, of Harvard University, delivered the first of the Ely Course of Lectures, last evening, in Dr. Adams' Church, in Madison square. The series, which will consist of a course of ten lectures, are in connection with the Union Theological Seminary, and bear upon the comparative evidences of science and Christianity. The lecture last night was on the evidence of testimony concerning the antiquity and authorship of the Gospel. The proceedings were opened with the singing of the seventeenth part of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm, after which Dr. Adams introduced the lecturer. Prof. Peabody premised by saying that good men in every age were afraid of the investigation of truth, believing that verities might be unsettled which they had come to consider as eternal. But, after all, he said, these apprehensions were virtual infidelity, and did more injury to the cause of religion than could be done by open and bitter enmity. True, science and true religion, he maintained, could in no way contradict each other. The higher gifts of nature should correspond to the writings of revelation. Science was not speculation, but knowledge; not half truths, but whole truths; not resting upon mere hypothesis, but upon principles. He had yet to learn that there is any repugnance or antagonism between science and Christianity. He did not regard the development theory, which had been widely received among scientific men, as hostile to religion. On the contrary, there were many reasons why these theories should be regarded in a different sense. Were men to trace their ancestry to apes and frogs they might have some compensation in the idea of a posterity of angels as superior to themselves as they are to the brutes from which the advocates of the development theory would have it that they are sprung. But the people who maintained this theory had not fulfilled in its sustainment the first conditions which science exacts, they had not produced any direct evidence to support their views. How different was it in this respect as to the Christ of history, of the Gospel, and of the Christian faith. The authenticity of the evangelical narrative of what Jesus Christ did, was self-evident. The very discrepancies, omissions, and repetitions were to every candid inquirer evidences of the authenticity of that narrative. The lecturer maintained that we have in it record of revelation and divine truth that cannot be controverted. The proposition he hoped to maintain in the course of lectures which he proposed to deliver, was that science and Christianity, so far from being hostile, rested, in fact, on the same basis, and must stand or fall together. Science rested on a basis of cumulative and transmitted testimony, and so it was with the Gospels. His first inquiry, therefore, would be as to the genuineness, that is, their authorship by the men whose names they bear. In reasoning on this matter, he took no advantage from the fact that the Gospels are sacred books. He took them rather as books of contested origin, which have come down from a remote period, and he maintained that there were no books of antiquity the authenticity of which they had such reason to feel assured of as the genuineness of these four Gospels.

DEATH OF ADA CLARE.

It will be remembered a short time ago THE TIMES exclusively announced the fact that Mrs. Ada Noyes née Ada Clare had been bitten in the face and badly disfigured by a pet dog. Mrs. Noyes died of hydrophobia at her residence, No. 166 Bleecker street, on Wednesday night. Yesterday Coroner Keesler held an inquest. Mrs. Mareus, the proprietor of the boarding-house, No. 166 Bleecker street, testified that on the morning of Jan. 20 Mrs. Noyes was bitten in the face by a pet dog with which she was playing. Dr. S. R. Elliott, of the New-York Hotel, testified that he cauterized the wound with nitrate of silver. Met Mrs. Noyes at the Grand Central depot, on last Monday night, she was delirious and ghastly in appearance, she thought the other passengers in the train wanted to kill her. She died with all the symptoms of hydrophobia. The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the testimony. Ada Clare was born in Charleston, S. C., and was for some years famous as a member of the celebrated Bohemian Club, which met in Pfaff's, on Broadway. She was known as the Queen of the Bohemians. She attained celebrity as a writer of sketches, and published a novel called *Only A Woman's Heart*, which, although a failure, bore impress of true talent. She returned to the stage soon after, and married Mr. Noyes, an actor of some note. The occurrence of the sad accident which resulted in her death, she went to Rochester to play with Lucille Western. While on the stage in Rochester she was seized with hydrophobia, and at once brought to this city. The symptoms grew in intensity, until on Wednesday evening her agony became so great that she implored her husband to shoot her, and begged Dr. Carnochan to bleed her to death. Opiates were administered, which, to some extent, relieved her sufferings, and she died calmly.

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C. E. PRATT, J. S. C.

Application was made to Judge Pratt yesterday, by counsel for J. M. Columbani, for an order of arrest against Ex-President Baez. The affidavit upon which the application was founded sets forth that Columbani, a citizen of the United States was falsely imprisoned by Baez, in San Domingo in 1870. Columbani claims $200,000 damages. The order of arrest was denied by Judge Pratt.

THE CHURCH-STREET OPENING.

Controller Green was yesterday served with a demand for the payment of $920,000 for damages alleged to have been sustained by the following parties in consequence of a trespass upon and conversion of their property in the opening and extension of Church street in 1869: Adams Express Company, $200,000; United States Express Company, $75,000; Wm. Phyfe, $85,000; James D. Phyfe $85,000; Patrick Dollard, $45,000; James Fitzgerald, $45,000; Forrester & Co., $75,000; Wm. Nordseik, $35,000; Francis S. Wynkoop, $75,000; Albert Wenahan, $100,000; C. M. Connolly and others, executors, $100,000. Payment and settlement was also demanded to the amount of $6,310 by the following persons for the return of assessments paid upon their lots for the opening of said street: Patrick Dollard, $2,000; James D. Phyfe, $1,900; Wm. Phyfe, $2,410.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

GEORGE H. ANDREWS NOMINATED FOR POLICE COMMISSIONER.

THE NOMINATION NOT CONFIRMED—QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY HIM RELATIVE TO CHARLICK AND MATSELL—MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 3:30 o'clock yesterday. Unusual interest was attached to the session owing to the announcement that the Mayor would submit to the board a nominee for Police Commissioner. The gallery and body of the chamber were filled with politicians and others interested in the proceedings.

After organizing, Alderman McCafferty presented a petition on behalf of the stone-cutters of New-York, Brooklyn, and Jersey City, remonstrating against the reduction of their wages, and the employment of non-residents in the departments. The petition, on motion of Alderman Morris, was referred to the joint committee appointed to investigate municipal affairs. A communication was received from a Mr. Nolan, asking the board to approve of his design for a horizontal broad-gauge, double-track, elevated rapid-transit railroad. [Laughter.] It was placed on file. A resolution requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to set apart property on the north side of Sixty-seventh street, in the vicinity of Mount Sinai Hospital and other charitable institutions, for an engine-house, was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

At this point a communication was received from the Mayor nominating Mr. George H. Andrews for Police Commissioner. The nomination was laid over, and the regular order of business was resumed.

The Mayor's nomination of Thomas McCormick as Inspector of Weights and Measures, in place of his brother, Nicholas McCormack, deceased, was called up for confirmation. Alderman Van Schaick urged the confirmation of the nominee.

Alderman McCafferty hoped the matter would be laid over. He was in receipt of letters from merchants complaining of oppressions. The exactions of these inspectors were most intolerable, and if Mr. McCormack was guilty of them he should not be appointed.

The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 10 to 4.

The nomination of Elijah W. Roe, as Sealer of Weights and Measures, was next called up.

Alderman McCafferty said that time should be given to inquire into the qualifications of the candidate. He did not think that any of the men appointed by the Mayor—whether Heads of Departments or inspectors—had any reason to be proud of their action. Their extravagance was well known. If they only took into consideration a recent investigation of one of the departments they would not approve of any candidate without making due inquiry as to his character and fitness. The nomination was then confirmed—10 to 4.

Alderman Monheimer here moved that when the board adjourn it adjourn for two weeks, namely, until the 19th inst.

Alderman Gilon opposed the motion on the ground that there was a large amount of business to be transacted.

Alderman Monheimer said that the adjournment was necessary, as the matter of the reorganization of the Assistant Aldermen would not be decided before that time.

Alderman Billings—We should meet before that to take action on the nomination for Police Commissioner. The Police Board stands now 3 to 1 against two, so that public business may be delayed. It is then necessary to have another Commissioner, and to take action on the name which has been sent to the board.

Alderman McCafferty—The gentleman has furnished us no very best argument for a postponement. If anything good can come out of the Police Board it is when they stand two against two.

Alderman Van Schaick—The gentleman nominated is a Tax Commissioner, and he should get two weeks' time to make up his mind before he accepts the office.

Alderman McCafferty—Are you sure he can get it? [Laughter.]

Alderman Morris moved that the Board adjourn until Thursday next. The motion was lost, and Alderman Monheimer's resolution to adjourn for two weeks was carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Aldermen Flanagan, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, Monheimer, Ottendorer, Reilly, Van Schaick—8.

NAYS.—Aldermen Vance, Billings, Falconer, Gilon, Lysaght, Morris—6.

The board then unanimously confirmed the nomination of Alexander W. Clarke as City Marshal.

A report was presented by the Potter and Field Investigating Committee, of which the following is the substance:

The committee have made a thorough investigation of the burial of Nathaniel French, and have learned much connected with the mode of burial in the City Cemetery, and also in regard to the treatment of patients in the City hospitals, but not directly connected with the particular case under consideration. It is clear, from the statement of your committee that there was sufficient evidence and property in the possession of the officials connected with the Department of Charities to warrant the conviction that Mr. French's body would be sought after some time, and that if they could easily have ascertained that he had numerous friends in this City, by merely tracing the circumstances attending his death in the different institutions under their charge, but that has not been done, and it does not appear that notice of his death was ever sent from the Charity Hospital to Bellevue, from which place he had been removed, nor to his widow, who resided in this City, until after the burial. The agony grew in intensity, until on Wednesday evening her agony became so great that she implored her husband to shoot her, and begged Dr. Carnochan to bleed her to death. Opiates were administered, which, to some extent, relieved her sufferings, and she died calmly.

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Davis Hatch *vs.* Buenaventura Baez.—Upon reading and filing the order to show cause made herein by Mr. Justice Gilbert, on the 3d day of March inst., and the affidavit of Buenaventura Baez, the defendant, on which said order was granted, and the counter affidavit of Davis Hatch, the plaintiff; and after hearing Mr. Van Wagner and Mr. Choate for the defendant in behalf of their motion to vacate the order of arrest granted herein by Mr. Justice Pratt on the 28th day of February, 1874, holding the said defendant to bail in the sum of $25,000, and Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Cross for the plaintiff, in opposition to said motion, and due deliberation having been had, it is ordered that the said order of arrest be, and the same is hereby vacated, and that the said defendant be and he is hereby discharged from custody thereunder, with $10 costs to the defendant.

C. E. PRATT, J. S. C.

Application was made to Judge Pratt yesterday, by counsel for J. M. Columbani, for an order of arrest against Ex-President Baez. The affidavit upon which the application was founded sets forth that Columbani, a citizen of the United States was falsely imprisoned by Baez, in San Domingo in 1870. Columbani claims $200,000 damages. The order of arrest was denied by Judge Pratt.

THE CHURCH-STREET OPENING.

Controller Green was yesterday served with a demand for the payment of $920,000 for damages alleged to have been sustained by the following parties in consequence of a trespass upon and conversion of their property in the opening and extension of Church street in 1869: Adams Express Company, $200,000; United States Express Company, $75,000; Wm. Phyfe, $85,000; James D. Phyfe $85,000; Patrick Dollard, $45,000; James Fitzgerald, $45,000; Forrester & Co., $75,000; Wm. Nordseik, $35,000; Francis S. Wynkoop, $75,000; Albert Wenahan, $100,000; C. M. Connolly and others, executors, $100,000. Payment and settlement was also demanded to the amount of $6,310 by the following persons for the return of assessments paid upon their lots for the opening of said street: Patrick Dollard, $2,000; James D. Phyfe, $1,900; Wm. Phyfe, $2,410.

FASHIONS FOR SPRING.

OPENING OF THE NEW STOCK OF FRENCH MILLINERY GOODS AT A. T. STEWART'S YESTERDAY.

The remarkably fine weather which has marked the opening of Spring has given an impetus to the millinery trade unexpected a month ago. It is true that the retailers have not begun active operation thus far; but the wholesale houses may be said to have fairly opened yesterday. At least A. T. Stewart & Co. did so. Their wholesale millinery rooms in the large building between Ninth and Tenth streets, on Broadway, were thronged early in the day by purchasers in the trade and ladies anxious to learn the fashions for the season. The French and domestic pattern bonnets and millinery goods on view were bewitchingly unique, and it may be said in commendation of the modistes who have designed this season's style, that they have actually provided a covering for the head. The new bonnet takes the place of every shaped hat hitherto worn, and comes farther forward and nearer to the ears than the hats did. At the same time the newly-fashioned head-gear affords greater opportunity for tasteful trimmings and display. The best European manufacturers were represented at Stewart's, and among the patterns were those from the Parisians Virot, Esther Barbier, Jenny Navarre, Valerie Grant, Mantel, and Theresa, Lucy Hognet, Mme. Portalis, Marie Cazalong, and Mlle. Fondulet. A lady purchasing a bonnet can supply herself with a complete article from any of these famed manufacturers, as Mr. Stewart's importations are manufactured for the house. The material most favored this season is Gros de Naples, and for the first time in a number of years it is much sought for linings and frame couverture. Croisé silk, trimmed with crêpe lisse or light grenadine satin, is used as well. Then the ribbons, more of which deck the bonnet this season than last, have increased in width from No. 12 to Nos. 16 and 18. Gros grain and plain taffeta are the favorites. But there are some styles of dual-colored patterns, as for example, a ribbon with one brown and one bright side, or two shades of the same color. However, the taste of the wearer and her complexion can be suited admirably.

Flowers will be worn a great deal in these bonnets. But the patterns will be like the natural products of the garden rather than the fanciful designs of modistes, who are apt to create impossible plants. First in favor, however, in Paris, are mixtures of wild flowers and heather, next, tea roses, sulphur roses, groseille, violets, mignonette, bunches of evergreens, and sprays of leaves. The display of these at Stewart's yesterday was magnificent and evidently admired by the *elite de monde* who thronged the millinery rooms. Beside the floral and ribbon decorations many other ornaments will be used, such as jet and jet and steel mixtures. It is noticeable that oxidized silver ornaments have been discarded entirely.

In untrimmed clim hats white ecru promises to be most fashionable. These come in a great variety of shapes, but are generally modeled on the prevalent system observed in other materials. Fine Belgian straws will be in great demand, and the staple English Dunstable whole-straw will retain its place on many fair heads. Leghorn, too, has a share of popular favor. Worthy of mention to mothers is the fact that the palmetto bonnet will cost only $1 this season, whereas it was sold for $5 a little while ago. This is its third year. All these materials, according to Mr. Partridge, the Superintendent of Mr. Stewart's millinery department, must be shaped according to the new rule governing bonnets, which he thinks likely to make an improved head-dress.

In sash ribbons, watered silks hold their own, and gros grain, Romans, and ottomans are in equal demand. The day for brochè is gone, so that it will not be worn this season. The width of sashes has been much increased; indeed, so high as nine inches. Nothing lower than seven will be worn.

And now a word about the trade. Buyers from all parts of the country are in town, and are prepared to purchase largely, firstly because there is a general scarcity of fine goods in the market, owing to the slight Fall or Winter trade done because of the panic. Mr. Stewart opened yesterday to a brisk trade, and sold out his very varied assortment to the wholesale men. It is thought that this activity will rather increase than diminish through the season which has opened so auspiciously.

DECISION ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF IMPORTED IRON.

The following important decision has just been officially received at the New-York Customs Office. The circular, it will be seen, was addressed to the Collector of Customs at Boston, but its provisions settle a long controverted point between the United States Government and importers:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, March 2, 1874.

SIR: Messrs. Naylor & Co. have appealed from decisions 1,911, 1,912, and 1,913 B) from your decision assessing duties at the rate of thirty-five per cent. ad valorem, less ten per cent. on certain bar-iron imported by them from Sweden per barks Rapid and Nora T. Bell, and from London per bark Cotopaxi. The act of June 30, 1873, imposes certain specific duties on bar-iron in round, square, and flat, but provides that no iron shall pay a less rate of duty than thirty-five per cent. ad valorem. The same act also imposes a duty of 1¼ cents per pound on all other descriptions of rolled or hammered iron not otherwise provided for. The iron forming the subject of these appeals is not literally in the shape of either round, square or flat, but is an irregular octagon. The reasons assigned in the report of Appraiser Rice, dated the 24th of January last, for classifying it as above, instead of as rolled or hammered iron not otherwise provided, are that the department decided April 4, 1871, on the appeal of the Washburn and Moon Manufacturing Company, which embraced substantially the same kind of iron, that although the iron was slightly flattened on the corners, it was not so changed as to take it out of the category of square iron.

I find, however, upon further investigation, that the department, under date Feb. 11, 1862, made a decision as to the classification which should be given to certain iron invoiced as octagonal card-wire iron, and described as having the edges of the original square bar hammered or bevled to prevent waste, which was held that as the iron was not actually flat, round, or square, it should be considered as embraced in the provision for "all other descriptions of iron not otherwise provided for." Upon a careful consideration of the subject I cannot but regard the decision of April 4, 1871, as an innovation upon the true construction of the law, and that the only proper rule of action in the matter is to follow the decision of Feb. 11, 1862. It appears from the papers submitted that the trade do not recognize as square, round, or flat iron not actually in those shapes, and as the law regulates the duty by the shape of the iron, the department feel constrained to adhere to the decision of Feb. 11, 1862, and to reverse that of April 4, 1871.

You will, therefore, govern your action accordingly, and readjust the entries embraced in these appeals at one and a quarter cents per pound, less ten per cent., classifying it as rolled or hammered iron not otherwise provided for. I am, very respectfully,

W. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

To the Collector of Customs, Boston, Mass.

THE KINGS COUNTY SUPERVISORS.

The Kings County Board of Supervisors met last night in the County Court-house, Supervisor-at-Large Fox in the chair. The session was a very long one, and was principally occupied with the transaction of routine business. On motion, Ed. B. Cadley, Clerk of the Board, was authorized to employ an assistant. Supervisor Bergen submitted the report of the experts charged with the examination of the plans and specifications of the Thirteenth Regiment Armory. The report condemns the plans and specifications, and declares the building, erected according to them, unsafe for use as an armory. After much debate, the following resolutions relative to the Thirteenth Regiment Armory, were adopted:

Resolved, That this board do hereby condemn the plans and specifications for said armory, also the work and the materials used in its construction.

Resolved, That the subject matter be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs to confer with the contractors for the building of said armory as to what amount of compensation, if any, in their judgment, shall be paid to them for labor performed and materials furnished to the date of notification from the clerk of this board to cease said work, and that they report such amount to this board.

The bill of Mr. Berri, for completing the County buildings, was, after much debate, passed as rendered. The board then adjourned.

THE CARTMEN.

The Cartmen's Association held a meeting at Hibernia Hall, No. 28 Prince street, last evening, Mr. J. B. Hackett in the chair. Mr. William Bowlas presented a report of the proceedings of the Legislative Committee appointed to investigate the management of the Street-cleaning Bureau, and in conclusion stated that over two months' wages were now due the cartmen, and he saw no way for them to obtain their money except by a lawsuit. He urged them to sign the roll, and then to appoint a committee to visit the Police Commissioners and compel them to pay the wages due them. A large number of new signatures were obtained, and a committee appointed to wait on the Police Commissioners to-day and ascertain at what time the wages due to them will be paid; and also whether they will be paid at the old rate of $4 per day hereafter. The meeting then adjourned.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

M. Jamet, the basso, is at Barnum's Hotel.

Homer Ramsdell, of Newburg, is at the Hoffman House.

Ex-Senator Alexander Caldwell, of Kansas, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Constantin Borges, Brazilian Minister at Washington, is at the Albemarle Hotel.

N. G. Ordway, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Hon. Aaron T. Perry, of Ohio, and Gen. G. J. Magee, of Schuyler County, N. Y., are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

A HOTEL THIEF CAPTURED.

Frederick Nicholas was captured in the act of stealing an overcoat, the property of J. W. Dixon, from the Marlborough Hotel, on Wednesday evening. He was committed in default of $1,000 bail for trial by Justice Shandley, at Jefferson Market, yesterday.

THE GERMAN CENTRAL REFORM ORGANIZATION.

The German Central Reform Organization held a meeting at Beethoven Hall, in Fifth street, last night. Mr. Oswald Ottendorfer presided; and a report was submitted by the Committee of Organization showing that the German Reform organizations in the different Assembly districts have been thoroughly reorganized for the ensuing year, with the exception of two or three. A resolution introduced by Marcus Otterburg was passed directing the Committee on Legislation to prepare a protest against the passage of a bill, introduced in the Assembly by Col. Spencer, providing that the sum of $48,000 be appropriated to reimburse the Fifth Regiment for the uniforms they used in the late war. The bill was characterized as a scheme to plunder the State Treasury and to create a precedent for similar schemes. It was argued that among the present members of the Fifth Regiment there is not one who could establish a claim of that sort. The committee was at the same time directed to prepare a remonstrance against a bill introduced in the Legislature relative to Corporation advertising.

SKETCH OF THE NOMINEE.

Mr. George H. Andrews, who has been nominated by the Mayor for the office of Police Commissioner, was born in this City on the 3d of September, 1821, and his father having been an educational professor, he had unusual advantages in an educational point of view. At the age of fifteen he became a clerk in the office of the *Courier and Enquirer*, and was soon promoted to the position of reporter. In the year 1848 his services were further recognized by the proprietor of the paper by making him publisher and associate editor, in which position he exercised considerable influence over political movements, acting in concert with the leaders of the old Whig Party. In the year 1854 he was the Whig candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, and in 1856 was the Republican candidate for the same office, but was defeated on both occasions. In 1858 Mr. Andrews removed his residence to Springfield, Otsego County, and in 1863 he was elected State Senator, and after the expiration of his term of office he was re-elected by his constituents. Mr. Andrews displayed considerable ability as a Senator. In 1865 he was selected by the Governor as one of the Commissioners to obtain a reduction of the quota assigned to this State in the call of the General Government, and in this he acquitted himself with marked success. He devised a plan which received the indorsement of President Lincoln, and harmonized all the differences that had arisen between the State and Federal authorities. During the Know-nothing riots of 1854, in Williamsburg, Mr. Andrews took a prominent part in aiding Mayor Wall to suppress the riots, and was most active in preventing a contemplated attack on the Powers Street Roman Catholic Church. In 1869 he was appointed a Commissioner of Taxes, and in 1872, under the new charter, he was nominated by the Mayor for the same office and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. During his administration of the affairs of the Tax Office he has proved himself a thorough business man, and he is very popular with all classes.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The Americus coterie will give their seventh annual calico hop at Irving Hall on next Monday evening.

Gen. Butterfield, Ex-Alderman Claussen, and Judge Kassmire called on Mayor Havemeyer yesterday.

The Liberal Republican General Committee met last evening at No. 453 Fourth avenue. Thomas E. Stewart presided.

Chamberlain Lane reports that the amount of interest on taxes collected in the month of February was $5,784 78.

The Hartford boats began running to Hartford direct yesterday afternoon, leaving Pier No. 24 East River at 4 o'clock.

Sir Lambton Loraine, commander of the British ship-of-war Niobe, will sail from this port for England on the 21st inst.

George W. Samson, D. D., LL. D., will lecture this evening at 8 P. M., at the Liberal Club, Plimpton Hall, on "Early Christian Empires."

Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., will repeat his lecture, "Did Paul Enjoin Silence on Women?" at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church to-day at 3:30 P. M.

Little or no anxiety is manifested by the agents of the overdue steam-ship Graf Bismarck, which left Bremen for this port, via Southampton, on the 11th of January.

Dr. J. May's last lecture on "The Poets from Shakespeare to the Present Time" was delivered at 8 o'clock last evening at Beethoven Hall, Fifth street, near Bowery.

The steamer City of Richmond, of the Inman Line, which sailed from Liverpool on Thursday last, brings out 9,000 boxes of tin, the largest invoice ever brought to the United States.

The regular annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Bellevue Hospital Medical College will take place at the College, on Monday next, March 9, 1874, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The public school of West Farms was entered on Wednesday night by burglars, who carried off a melodeon, an instrument used for chemical experiments, a stereoscope, and other articles.

The remains of an unknown man, apparently forty years of age, were found last evening, floating in the East River, at the foot of Houston street, and were sent to the Morgue for identification.

The Eleventh Assembly District Republican Association held their regular monthly meeting at Republican Hall, last evening, Mr. George Bliss in the chair. Thirty-eight new members were elected.

The bids for gold at the sale at the Sub-Treasury yesterday noon aggregated $4,197,500, at prices ranging from 111.35 to 111.95. The next sale, of $500,000 gold, will be on Thursday, March 12, noon.

The Fire Commissioners are actively engaged in making a thorough examination of toy stores and other stores where "harmless" toys, like those which created such damage on Broadway a few days ago, are sold.

Yesterday morning, about 8 o'clock, John E. Simmons, sentenced to State Prison for three years and one-half for the shooting of Duryea, was taken from the Tombs by Deputy Sheriff Coughlin and conveyed to Sing Sing.

B. Waterhouse Hawkins, F. L. S. F., delivered his second lecture last evening at the Union League Club Theatre, on the "Unity of Plan and Evidence of Design in the Animal Frame, with Contrast and Comparison of Monkeys and Men."

John Flannagan was seriously scalded last evening by the upsetting of a boiler in the liquor store of P. Kelly, corner of Classon avenue and Bergen street. The boiler was knocked over by two men whom Kelly was trying to keep from fighting.

Earnest Holland, a German, aged fifty years, residing at No. 12 Second street, attempted suicide last evening by jumping into the river at the foot of South Sixth street. He was rescued and brought to the Fifth Precinct station-house by Officers Hayes and Holland.

A meeting of German residents of the First Ward was held at No. 50 Greenwich street, last night, when a mutual benevolent organization was formed, the object of which is to aid families in cases of death, by a contribution of $1 from each member in each case.

Coroner Woltman held an inquest yesterday in the case of Pietro Tarchini, who was shot in Prince street on Monday last by Antonio Barli, who then shot himself. The evidence was given, and the jury found a verdict that Barli shot Tarchini and then shot himself.

It was stated in Wall street yesterday that a quit claim deed releasing the Howe Sewing-machine Company of Bridgeport, Conn., from the mortgage made by President Stockwell to the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company of this City, was recorded at the Town Clerk's Office of that city on Wednesday.

The Young Men's Christian Association will give a reception on Monday next, March 9, at Association Hall, on which occasion a grand oratorio performance will be given by the Harlem Mendelssohn Union. The whole will be under the direction of Mr. Henry Carter, associate organist of Trinity Church, who will preside at the organ.

The subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, comprising Senators Maynard, Hunter